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Paris mission aims to slow EMU

Major will woo Mitterrand on economic union

By George Brock in Brussels and Philip Webster in London

JOHN Major will today try to win French backing for a two-speed European monetary union that could wreck moves toward a single currency by the end of the decade — and save the government from an embarrassing showdown before the general election.

The Dutch plan, allowing weaker EC economies to move more slowly towards monetary union, would remove the possibility of a single currency being imposed and do away with a 1994 deadline for the establishment of a European central bank. "I think reality is breaking in," Douglas Hurd said yesterday.

Mr Major is expected to try to persuade President Mitterrand to support the plan when they meet in Paris tonight. France is, however, thought to be cool about the proposals because they would effectively shut the southern European nations out of the union.

The prime minister and the president will also discuss the future shape of Europe in the light of the upheaval in the Soviet Union, a question that will overshadow talks on political union beginning next week and one that could jeopardise the signing of a new community treaty at Maastricht in December.

Mr Major wants to open EC membership to eastern European countries and has a vision of a community stretching from the Atlantic to the Urals. But President Mitterrand recoils from the idea of expanding the EC to a point where French influence could be weakened. He feels such a community would be too big to act as a tightly-knit economic or military bloc.

Britain has seized on the economic union proposals put forward by the Dutch presidency as accepting the principle it has espoused all along: that convergence of economies should precede union. The Dutch plan suggests that some nations should be left out until they reach basic targets on inflation, interest levels and currency stability. Germany, which supports the idea, Britain and France are most likely to be able to meet the criteria. Norman Lamont yesterday hailed the draft treaty as an "excellent text". But Italy, Portugal, Greece and Ireland oppose it because they fear stronger nations would be able to push ahead of weaker ones. They say economies should converge as the result of union.

Negotiations will continue at an informal meeting of European finance ministers at Apeldoorn in The Netherlands the weekend after next, but officials were doubtful yesterday about whether the two sides could be reconciled in time for the Maastricht summit. That could give Mr Major a breathing space and at least postpone what seemed like an inevitable clash over a single currency.

Asked whether the development effectively killed off the Delors plan, Mr Hurd told Radio 4's *Today* programme: "Plans evolve, plans change. We are still in the middle of that negotiation, but I think reality is breaking in."

The chances of the EC meeting its deadline for the completion of a new political treaty by December have also been reduced in the wake of the abortive coup in the Soviet Union, which has made the expansion of the community eastwards much more likely.

The dilemmas posed by the explosion of new states in the east affect every decision the Community is making. If the EC intends to tighten its joint foreign policy and eventually build an army of its own, membership cannot expand very far. Already negotiations to grant associate status to Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia have fallen into disarray as a result of France's refusal to open its markets to their produce. As a result, Poland is to boycott the next round of talks next week.

Jacques Delors, the European Commission president whose hopes for political and monetary integration have been all but dashed by recent events, is now trying to persuade the French prime minister, Edith Cresson, to stop blocking trade agreements with the three countries.

M Delors is as unwilling as M Mitterrand to contemplate a community stretching from the Atlantic to the Urals, but he has said that he could imagine an EC of more than twenty states — if decisions were made by majority vote. At present, a single dissenting government can block many policies indefinitely, leaving the real power with national governments. The arrival of new members could mean the introduction of majority voting — and an opportunity for tighter political integration.

In the meantime, the existing members are considering a Dutch paper suggesting that the new community treaty talks explicitly of the EC's "federal goal", a notion Britain and others find unacceptable. The paper also suggests a huge increase in the European parliament's powers and a decision-making process that is certain to be opposed by Britain and France.

The Dutch proposals are liable to be watered down, but the revival of old arguments reduces the chance of member states reaching an accord by December. "It's goodbye to Maastricht," one official said. "They're never going to be able to get agreement in time."

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Ashdown to counter Tory council tax

By Robin Oakley and Philip Webster

THE Liberal Democrats last night set up a parliamentary task force to campaign against the government's proposed council tax, the replacement for poll tax.

The group includes David Bellotti, the local government spokesman and winner of the Eastbourne by-election, Jim Wallace, the chief whip, and Malcolm Bruce and Richard Livsey, the leaders of the Scottish and Welsh Liberal Democrat parties. The Liberal Democrats, who are trying to push the idea that Labour cannot win the next general election, hope then to detach "soft" Tory supporters with a nationwide campaign criticising the government's council tax proposals and highlighting their proposal of a local income tax.

In Bournemouth yesterday, the party approved an economic policy committing it to free market ideals. Alan Beith, the economic spokesman, outlined plans for an independent central bank and national savings target, designed to restrict the ability of ministers to interfere in the economy and to force them to practice long-term policies.

Chris Patten, the Conservative party chairman, yesterday

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Call for report on estate riot

By Quentin Cowdry
Home Affairs Correspondent

JOHN Major yesterday called for a report from the home secretary on the five-hour riot on a Tyne and Wear housing estate on Monday night.

He condemned the violence that swept the Meadow Well estate in North Shields, the fourth outbreak of such public disorder in a fortnight.

A preliminary police report sent yesterday to Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, blamed the disturbance on youths resentful of the way police had tackled car crime in the area.

Mr Major defended the decision not to immediately flood the area with riot police.

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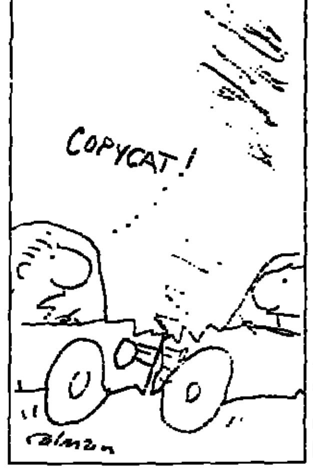

Hurd urges caution after aid plea by Gorbachev

From Michael Binyon in Moscow

PRESIDENT Gorbachev yesterday hailed the "explosive liberation" of reform in the Soviet Union and appealed for Western aid to support democracy and stave off food shortages.

But Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said human rights were still not fully observed in the Soviet Union. At the human rights conference in Moscow, Mr Hurd warned republics now seeking independence that there would be an adverse Western reaction if they tried to suppress minority rights by force. His remarks appeared to be directed particularly at Georgia, where protests and fighting have marked the republican government's attempts to impose its authority.

Opening a one-month discussion of human rights by the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, Mr Gorbachev formally welcomed the three independent Baltic states which yesterday made their debut on the international stage when they took their seats among the other 35 nations of Europe and North America. Later he told Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, that the Soviet Union's new constitutional framework would be in place within two months.

Mr Hurd saw Mr Gorbachev yesterday and discussed the shortage of food in the Soviet Union and the likely critical situation this winter. Mr Hurd said the Soviet president asked Britain to help with supplies and distribution. "There is going to be a problem," Mr Hurd reported him as saying. "People will go hungry unless they are helped. The failures of the old system to get food from the farms to the shops are making things worse." He asked the Soviet leader whether he wanted the West to send actual supplies or technical experts to help distribution. "Both," Mr Gorbachev had said. The EC would have

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Girl killed after 4 days

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

LYNNE Rogers, the teenager who disappeared after arranging to meet a stranger about a job, was murdered four days later, police believe. Her body was discovered on Monday in a lane in Rotherfield, East Sussex. Initial tests suggest that she died on Sunday morning after being strangled.

Detective Superintendent Michael Bennison, leading the investigation, said: "The killer undoubtedly planned his deed some days before he carried out the crime."

Police are visiting job agencies to whom the dead girl applied for a new job. The man who arranged to meet her claimed to have seen her curriculum vitae.

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Concorde mishap blamed on paint stripper

Investigators have found the cause of a fault in a supersonic rudder at 56,000ft, reports ***Harvey Elliott***

Paint stripper used to clean British Airways' Concorde fleet probably caused the aircraft's rudder to disintegrate as it flew across the Atlantic at more than twice the speed of sound, air safety experts believe.

Concorde 102 was flying at more than 1,400mph and at 56,000ft towards New York with 49 passengers when the crew felt what they believed was an engine surge.

As it decelerated and dropped below 41,000ft "a more unusual vibration was felt", according to air accident officials. When the aircraft landed it was discovered that part of the lower rudder was missing, as was most of the skin on the right side of the tail area.

The failure, which happened in January, was kept secret but shocked safety chiefs and BA engineers because it followed a similar incident over the Tasman Sea two years ago.

The rudders which disintegrated were made as a pair, and it had been assumed that "tap checks", which involved engineers knocking on the skin surface in the hope of detecting any failure in its bonding to the interior honeycomb material, would have picked up any potential defect. Acoustic tests were also introduced to combat the problem which, had the skin ripped further, could have proved catastrophic.

The rudder which failed in January had flown for more than ten months since its last acoustic test, though it had been "tap tested" three times.

After the incident the materials and structures department at Farnbo-

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TV drama blames Thatcher fall on tactics

Syms: a portrait of the Lady as prime minister

By Melinda Wittstock
Media Correspondent

MARGARET Thatcher would still be prime minister had she and her close advisers not made a series of fatal tactical errors, Granada Television alleges in a drama-documentary of the events leading to her downfall.

Thatcher: The Final Days lays much of the blame for her failure to secure a decisive victory over Michael Heseltine in the first ballot for the leadership on an "ineffective campaign" run by Sir Peter Morrison, her parliamentary private secretary.

In the hour-long re-enactment tonight, Sir Peter is represented as turning down offers of help and advice from Sir Tim Bell and Sir Gordon Reece, the faithful media advisers who masterminded Mrs Thatcher's election victories. Not only did he reject a private preview of Mr Heseltine's election manifesto which Sir Tim had managed to obtain, but he also failed to canvass MPs properly and woo the known waverers, the programme alleges.

Mrs Thatcher, portrayed by Sylvia Syms, is also blamed for baiting Sir Geoffrey Howe into taking more extreme action than he had intended. She is seen colluding with Kenneth Baker, then party chairman, and Bernard Ingham, her press secretary, to play down Sir Geoffrey's resignation as "style and not substance". It was this that led him to make his scathing Commons speech, the programme alleges.

Mr Heseltine was also forced to run after being baited by Mr Ingham to "put up or shut up", the programme alleges. *The Final Days*, which is based on public and private recollections of cabinet ministers, MPs and other participants, also alleges that the results of the first round ballot might have been inaccurate. One scene implies that a recount might have shown Mrs Thatcher to be the real winner. The dramatisation fails to make clear whether three ballot papers found to be missing after the count were added to the total when found. All three votes were for Mrs Thatcher.

Cranley Onslow, chairman of the 1922 committee, who supervised the count, said yesterday that the lost ballot papers were included in the final count. There was no need for a recount, as the papers had been carefully counted twice.

Ray Fitzwalter, executive producer of the programme, to be shown on ITV at 9pm, said: "We believe this is a more authentic record of events than appeared in any newspaper at the time."

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Sports events likely to honour Keith Prowse clients' tickets

There was some good news for clients of collapsed ticket agency Keith Prowse, report **John Goodbody and David Hands**

Sign of the times: a Keith Prowse office in London

SPECTATORS at major sports events yesterday seemed likely to have many of their bookings at least partially honoured, despite the collapse of Keith Prowse.

Clients at the England *v.* Germany football international tonight and the Rugby World Cup next month will get their seats, but possibly not their hospitality packages. There are hopes that many of the 1,000 people booked to fly to South Carolina for the Ryder Cup this month may be able to make the trip without much further expense.

Malcolm Shierson of Grant Thornton, the accountants appointed as receivers by the company's main creditors, the Royal Bank of Scotland, said: "There are 400 bookings with Delta Air Lines and the airline has said it will honour the bookings to the 150 people who have already received their tickets. The airline is seeking information from its Atlanta headquarters about the remaining 250 people." Discussions are continuing with British Airways about other bookings.

Some hotels at Kiawah Island, where Europe defends the Ryder Cup on September 27, have been paid partially and some others wholly by Keith Prowse before it went into receivership.

The organisers of the Rugby World Cup said they would provide the tickets for the cup, which begins at Twickenham on October 3, and for which companies have already paid Keith Prowse £5 million for seats and hospitality.

Alan Callan, managing director of the CPMA Group, commercial advisers to Rugby World Cup Ltd (RWC), said: "The least we will do is ensure that the World Cup will be enjoyed by those people who have sweated to be there, by ensuring their ticket requirements are met. In terms of income for the game, the hospitality packages are not a major problem. It was a contributory source and was there basically as a service."

Wembley will honour tickets paid for, but not received, by clients of Keith Prowse for the international at Wembley tonight. About 300 people had booked packages with the collapsed company which included pre-match hospitality, drinks, dinner and £26 match tickets. About 100 corporate hospitality customers and a small number of ordinary ticket-holders had yet to receive their tickets when the company went into receivership.

Wembley is not sold out and tickets will be available at the turnstiles. However, the corporate hospitality clients will not get the rest of the package. Martin Taylor, the manager of the Hilton National Hotel at Wembley, said that Keith Prowse had this week cancelled its hospitality booking for about 150 clients.

MCC is owed about £50,000 because Keith Prowse was the sole official corporate hospitality company at Lord's for such major fixtures as test matches, one-day internationals and one-day finals.

☐ The cost of the collapse to theatre producers in the West End of London is likely to be millions but yesterday they were more concerned about future custom (Simon Tait writes). "The sooner we get our act together and start cooperating properly with each other the better," Patrick Deuchar, chief executive of the Royal Albert Hall, said.

Most producers are honouring Keith Prowse bookings up to Saturday in a gesture of goodwill but most of its customers will have to pay again for seats after then. The producers want a code of practice which would safeguard theatregoers and productions in future.

Theatregoers who purchased tickets by credit card from Keith Prowse will be reimbursed if they have not received their tickets or are refused admission to the theatre. The major high street banks said they would ensure their customers did not lose their money even if the amount spent was less that £100, the minimum required to claim protection under the Consumer Credit Act.

Others, however, are not as fortunate. The Rhino Rock Wildlife Trust, meant to be the major beneficiary of a Placido Domingo concert at the weekend at Windsor Great Park, has been told it will not receive a pledged £50,000 donation. Keith Prowse distributed the tickets but the event was organised by Tariq Siddiqi and it is unclear, according to Grant Thornton, which party owed the trust the money. A spokeswoman for the trust said it had been scheduled to receive a £30,000 cheque on stage on Saturday evening and the rest after programme and product sales had been assessed.

Police justify 'iron fist in velvet glove' policy after looting and arson

IAN HORROCKS

Riot blaze: the Coalite factory, set alight at the height of the North Shields riot, blazes as firemen, ambulancemen and police were pelted with petrol bombs by youths

Major attacks copycat riots

By PETER DAVENPORT AND KERRY GILL

POLICE yesterday defended their tactics in restoring order to a Tyneside housing estate devastated by five hours of riots, looting and arson on Monday night as the prime minister called for a report into disturbances in the third British city in recent weeks.

They said they intended to patrol the streets of the Meadow Well estate last night with a policy of "an iron fist in a velvet glove" to prevent fresh outbreaks of violence.

It took police until about 2.30am yesterday to restore order after 200 police in riot gear stormed makeshift barricades thrown across the streets.

Some residents of the North Shields estate, one of the most socially deprived and crime ridden in the northeast, accused the police of standing back for up to three hours while shops, homes and a community centre were attacked and firebombed. But police said they had carried out a deliberate strategy to contain the 200-strong mob responsible for the violence and prevent others joining them before moving in.

John Major described the incidents as unacceptable: "There have been a small run of these incidents. They all seem to have a different genesis. Whatever the genesis may be, they are not acceptable, they are not the way people should behave and there is no need for them.

"They do seem to have a different purpose and one often gets this copycat effect. It happens in one area and then you get this mini riot. People think it acceptable to behave in that way but it is not acceptable. Public does not want and the police do not want it. If people have problems and concerns there are other ways of doing it, not the way we have seen it once or twice recently."

Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, said in Scunthorpe the riots were a criminal attack on the community. "There is absolutely no excuse for them. I hope the police can catch the ringleaders and make them answer for these outrages."

Rioters said yesterday that they instigated the disturbances in revenge for the deaths of two men, one from the estate, who died last week when the stolen car they were driving in a chase with police crashed and caught fire.

Meadow Well's 1,770 homes were built between 1932 and 1939 to rehouse families from slums on the banks of the Tyne. From the outset it had a reputation for lawlessness and social problems. In 1969 it was renamed Meadow Well and restoration work was carried out in the 1970s when the area was a target of millions of pounds worth of government funds.

Its problems remained, however. Unemployment averages 40 per cent, with eight out of ten residents in some streets without a job. At the two local primary schools every child is in receipt of a clothing allowance and 80 per cent get free school meals. At an equivalent school four miles away only one child is in receipt of either benefit.

Crime most bedevils the estate, particularly car-related offences. And crime was the cause of the riots.

In 1989-90 179 cars were stolen in the police sub-division which covers the area, 135 of them were later found on the estate.

Role of the media under scrutiny

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE media should seriously consider giving less coverage to the kind of street disturbances seen recently in Oxford, Cardiff and Tyne and Wear, David Owen, president of the Asssociation of Chief Police Officers, said yesterday.

He suggested that there had been a "copycat" element to the disturbances, the worst of their kind in Britain for several years, and that massive media coverage had been over-done. "No one is suggesting that such events should not be reported at all, but the media must stop and reflect whether, in pursuing their legitimate job, they are not adding fuel to the fire," he said.

Because of the real risks of the media unwittingly inflaming demonstrators or rioters, police were fully justified in "certain circumstances" in barring reporters access to areas affected by disturbances, Mr Owen said. Such decisions, however, required careful judgment.

Mr Owen's comments are likely to reopen the controversy over the dangers of the media, particularly broadcasters, fuelling street disturbances. While most newspaper editors and broadcasters broadly accept that rioters will sometimes play to the gallery, few can resist giving such stories extensive coverage.

However, the media's reluctance to play down events such as the "bread riots" of Cardiff's Ely estate or the disorder at the Blackbird Leys estate in Oxford disguise the efforts some news managers have made to improve factors such as balance, context and accuracy.

BBC Television News and ITN have well-established guidelines on the way such stories should be reported. ITN's guidelines say that camera crews should attend disturbances only after the disorder has begun and insist that film of rioting should be accompanied by full reports explaining the background to the incidents. The BBC warns of crews being exploited by "elements within the crowd" and of the risks of such film being run live.

As anxiety about copycat rioting has grown, police have sometimes chosen to cordon off riot areas from the media. One example of this came last Tuesday when police, following four nights of trouble on Cardiff's Ely council estate, created a "sterile zone" around the districa, into which only residents could enter. Four hours later, journalists were allowed to tour the scene in a police minibus.

Mary Whitehouse, president of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, yesterday wrote to the home secretary asking him to intervene with the broadcasting authorities in the wake of the recent violence. She said the link between social and televised violence was accepted across the civilised world, yet in Britain viewers were offered as entertainment grossly violent and perverted films.

Television is not prime catalyst

TV coverage of riots will not incite violence unless the public are discontent with their lot, writes **Christopher Walker**

THE wiry Algerian paratrooper who arrested an ITN crew at the height of the popular uprising in October 1988, had no doubts about the power of television to influence rioters and international opinion.

Paul Davies, the reporter, had permission to film from the Ministry of Information; the commander standing on a tank at the riot scene snatched it and proceeded to make an obscene gesture. "That is what I think of your piece of paper," he sneered.

Maladroit as he might have been at public relations, the officer was astute enough to realise that the revolt in which more than 400 people died was inspired by the hours of footage of the Palestinian intifada which had filled the state television in the proceeding months. Similarly in Jordan in April 1989, Arab youths imitated the headgear and of their Palestinian counterparts fighting Israel when they opposed their own security forces.

Hard as the Algerian authorities tried to stifle media coverage, it was only by the harshest of tactics, including the shooting and torture of scores of teenager, and improving food supplies that they were able to end the uprising.

No one who has covered riots for media organisations can fail to appreciate the power of television in spreading trouble. But it would be a mistake, as many Ulster Loyalists argued during the civil rights marches in the late 1960s, to blame it as the prime cause.

As a rough rule of thumb, it would appear that when the cause of violence is primarily social, as opposed to nationalistic or political, the negative or positive affect of television coverage will be greatest. In Ulster and Israel, foreign television crews have repeatedly been accused of offering bribes to stonethrowers. In all but a few cases, the accusations have been unfounded.

Television advertising would not be so successful were it not that the imitation of televised images particularly among the young and impressionable is such a deep-rooted trait. But in Armenia in 1988, I recall that the more than 150,000 people who gathered for weekly nationalist demonstrations in the capital's centre had no television footage to encourage them. The Cairo bread riots of 1977 which so nearly overthrew the government spread without the catalyst of local television coverage because of the public's discontent with its miserable lot.

Keeping television cameras away from potential street violence would, in my experience, only help to eradicate that for which there is no strong underlying cause.

Zoo birds linked with BSE

A condition closely resembling "mad cow" disease (BSE) caused the deaths of three ostriches in German zoos, German scientists say. It is the first reliable report of a BSE-like condition in birds (Michael Hornsby writes).

Britain is the only country where bovine spongiform encephalopathy, which is thought to have been transmitted via feed containing the remains of sheep infected with scrapie, is widespread.

The three ostriches came from two zoos in northwest Germany and had been fed vegetables mixed with poultry feed and raw meat from slaughterhouses, according to a report in a German veterinary journal. Dr Heinz-Adolf Schoon, a pathologist in Hanover and one of the authors of the report, said yesterday: "The damage to the brain tissue showed a very strong similarity to that found in cases of BSE."

Keith Meldrum, the government's chief veterinary officer, said scientists here were studying the German findings.

IRA bomb at plane factory

The IRA exploded a bomb inside the Shorts Aircraft complex in East Belfast yesterday, making it their seventh attack on the Canadian owned company in two years. It caused extensive damage to a two-storey building which houses payroll offices and a new security control centre.

The device caused a small fire but no injuries and the company said it would not affect production. Shorts has spent more than £10 million and tripled its security staff in an attempt to prevent IRA attacks.

University gets go-ahead

THE first new university campus for more than 20 years is to be developed on an 8-acre site on Teesside.

The Teesside Development Corporation announced yesterday that it was putting up £8.4 million for a college to be run jointly by Durham university and Teesside polytechnic. Building is expected to start next month at Teesdale, near Stockton town centre, so that the first students can be enrolled in October 1992. It will be known as the Joint University College on Teesside.

IRA arms found

Police in the Irish Republic seized four heavy machine guns, over 50,000 rounds of ammunition and five kilos of Semtex explosive in searches for IRA arms last year, according to the annual report of Commissioner Patrick Culligan. Police also found 56 rifles, 23 hand grenades and seven arms bunkers. Four tonnes of Semtex and 900 Kalashnikov rifles smuggled from Libya have not been found.

Marquess guilty

The Marquess of Blandford, heir to the Duke of Marlborough, was found guilty yesterday of his second offence of driving while disqualified for speeding. Magistrates at Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, adjourned sentencing until October 8. Lord Blandford had previously admitted a similar offence at High Wycombe in July and will be sentenced for both when he appears again.

CORRECTION

The first kidney transplant in Britain was carried out by Sir Michael Woodruff and his colleagues at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary on October 30, 1960 and not by surgeons at the Hammersmith hospital in London, as stated in television guide on September 2.

McCarthy flies to see hostage's wife

By BILL FROST

JOHN McCarthy, freed by his Lebanese captors in west Beirut last month, yesterday interrupted his holiday to fly to London for a meeting with Sunny Mann, whose husband is still being held hostage by Shi'ite radicals.

The television journalist, who had been in the south of France, spent 90 minutes with Mrs Mann in a VIP suite at Heathrow. Looking tanned and healthy, he declined to talk about his own captivity. He said he was now feeling much better but "still taking it easy".

"I haven't seen Jackie. But for me, conditions were better in the last couple of years and I am sure it is the same for him. I was very impressed with Mrs Mann. She is great fun to be with, and showed remarkable spirit considering the distress she is under." Jackie Mann, a former Battle of Britain pilot aged 77, was abducted in May 1987, the last western hostage to be seized in Beirut. Last month Mr McCarthy said his captors had told him that all the western hostages, including Mr Mann, were safe and well.

Mrs Mann, who flew to England from her home in Beirut last week, also met Douglas Hogg, the foreign office minister. Afterwards she said: "I feel much happier about everything. There is nothing definite, but there are a lot of possibilities now and I really think that maybe something will come up. John has helped me a great deal on thoughts of what I am going to do when my husband returns."

Brief meeting: John McCarthy with Sunny Mann

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Job hunt clue to killer as girl's body is discovered

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

DETECTIVES were last night hunting the murderer of Lynne Rogers, the London teenager whose body was found near a country lane five days after she left home in response to a job offer from a mysterious caller.

Police said a post-mortem examination revealed that the killer had strangled the girl, who lived in Catford, south London, with her family, with his bare hands. She did not appear to have been sexually assaulted and is thought to have died on Sunday morning. Her body was found on Monday and identified by her father Derek, aged 54, a widower, at Eastbourne mortuary.

Appealing for help from the public, Detective Superintendent Michael Bennison said: "It is a particularly calculated, callous and evil murder of a young girl. The calculated killer undoubtedly planned his deed some days before he carried out the crime. Really what it amounts to is a tragic end to a harrowing week for her father, sister and relatives and friends. We shall pursue the killer or killers by whatever means we can. There is no evidence as yet that she was held prisoner during the days leading up to her death. It is something that we will be looking at."

Rogers: *sent details to job agencies*

The girl was last seen at about 10 am last Wednesday at Charing Cross station after arranging to meet a man who telephoned her and offered an exciting £15,000 secretarial job involving a lot of travel. She told relatives that her prospective employer would be taking her to Shoreham before going to Gatwick by helicopter for "job familiarisation".

At the time she vanished Miss Rogers, described as a happy, outgoing girl, was hunting for a new job. Made redundant in July, she found another job with a travel agent in south London but she wanted to change and sent out CVs to job agencies or visited agencies personally. The caller had apparently seen her CV and a police search through the agencies has become a prime task in the search for clues to her killer.

Her body was discovered off Rotherhurst Lane, a quiet country lane near the village of Rotherfield, less than three miles from Crowborough station, which is on the main line from Charing Cross to Uckfield, East Sussex. It was found by an odd-job man, as he cut grass in the grounds of the Manor House at Rotherfield on Monday afternoon.

The girl had been left in *thick undergrowth, still* wearing the black skirt and white blouse she wore last Wednesday. Mr Bennison said it was thought she met her death *some 24 to 36 hours before the* post-mortem examination and this could put the time of death at about Sunday morning. Further tests will be carried out.

He said villagers may have seen the killer driving around looking for a place to dump the body. Mr Bennison said it was not clear whether she died at the scene or dumped by car. "Somebody might have seen *the suspect or suspects looking* for somewhere to dispose of the body. It is absolutely vital that if anyone saw one or more people in a car acting suspiciously *anywhere in* the Rotherfield area that they contact our murder incident room at East Grinstead on 0342 321 155."

Miss Rogers was carrying a vanity bag with a flat bottom. It was still missing with her passport and other personal belongings.

Ex-head guilty of cruelty to autistic children

THE headmistress of a special school ran an "authoritarian and dictatorial" regime in which handicapped children were ill-treated and *force-fed*, a court was told yesterday.

Meal times at Scotforth House, Lancaster, a council-run school specialising in young autistic children, were described by a part-time teacher as horrific and sickening, Timothy White, for the prosecution, told Preston crown court.

Brenda Ford, aged 51, of Lancaster, the school's former head, pleaded guilty to three charges of cruelty to children. Two nursery assistants, Mary Milnes, aged 55, of Lancaster, and Maureen Robinson, also 55, of Heysham; each pleaded guilty to a charge of assaulting a *child* causing actual bodily harm.

"The allegations which the Crown would have relied upon were that some children *were force-fed, required to eat* their own vomit," Mr White said. Most of what happened – in 1987 and 1988 – took place behind closed doors *where only the children could* see what was happening. "Because of their mental condition, they were incapable of making any form of complaint *to outsiders, particularly their* parents," he said.

Mr White said a supply teacher had seen Ford had slap a handicapped girl aged eight hard on the leg at least 10 times "completely out of the blue". On another occasion, she became agitated because an autistic girl aged ten was not reading properly and had grabbed her hair. The girl cried with pain. Ford had told the girl: "I'll stop if you get your reading right," Mr White said.

A boy aged five who was so badly disabled that he could not talk was kept without drink all day because he did not like milk, even though his *mother had sent him with* blackcurrant juice.

Mr White said the children at the school, most of whom could only feed themselves with difficulty, were allowed just half an hour to eat lunch "no matter what". On one occasion, Milnes had been seen feeding a autistic boy aged six, pushing more and more food into his mouth until it was "like a hamster", *Mr White said. When some* food came out "it was picked up off the table, put on his plate and Mrs Milnes fed it to him".

Robinson was seen to slap a girl aged eight repeatedly on the legs to force her up the steps of a playground slide. When she came down the *process was repeated.*

Judge Jolly called for probation reports on the women before sentencing them in three weeks' time.

Sex equality on the march: Alison Sharp, who this term became the first woman to lead Marlborough College's cadet force, with unit members yesterday. Ms Sharp is a biology teacher at the Wiltshire school

Police put a face to 'murder' victim

By CRAIG SETON

THE reconstructed face of a possible murder victim whose *skull and bones were found on* a rubbish tip up to 16 years after he died was unveiled by police yesterday.

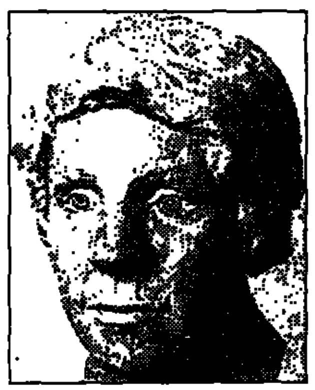
Detectives in West Mercia asked *Richard* Neeve, a medical artist at Manchester university, to reconstruct the skull to suggest the likely facial features of the young man to try *to identify him*. They are treating the case as they would a murder enquiry.

The man's buried remains and some clothing were discovered on a disused tip at Wythall, near Bromsgrove, Hereford and Worcester, in May. His skull had a large fracture on one side, leading *police to consider that he may* have been killed.

Detectives have pieced together scientific, medical and other evidence with help from a pathologist, radiologist, odontologist, anthropologist, archaeological botanist, entomologist, molecular scientist and forensic science experts. The *man's* trousers were "Rupert Bear" patterned, and flared with turn-ups, a style that was fashionable in 1975.

A trace of DNA extracted from the man's thigh bone has *given police a genetic "finger-*print" using a new enhancing method that could identify him if a member of his family were traced to give a matching *sample.*

Police are now examining the files of people reported missing all over the country. They believe the man was aged between 22 and 32, between 5ft 9in and 5ft 11in, of medium to slim build, with brownish hair and soft facial features. Parts of the torso were missing when the body was found.



The face reconstructed from skull found on tip

Transport lobby fights road cuts

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

ALTERNATIVE motorways between key population centres must be built to cope with increased traffic levels and to enhance Britain's competitiveness with Europe after 1992, according to a confidential draft report compiled by the British Road Federation.

The report, *Compete Or Fail: The Economic Case For Road Investment*, represents the opening shot in a campaign aimed at reducing the threat of cuts in the £20 billion roads programme and at increasing awareness of the economic benefits of new roads.

Recommendations for the expansion of existing motorways are, however, likely to meet fierce resistance from *environmental groups, who* have asked the government to freeze present road building schemes and use the money to improve public transport.

The report, which criticised the failure of successive governments to keep pace with road building schemes in Germany and France, said: "In other parts of Europe it is the practice to have alternative motorway routes between major centres of population. With the exception of the recently completed M40, this has yet to happen in Britain."

Governments have also failed to respond to changing economic geography, the report said. Almost 20 years after joining the EC, Britain's west coast ports remained better served by high-standard roads than those on the east and south coasts which faced Europe.

Richard Diment, the federation's deputy director and the report's author, said that alternative motorway routes "are needed to cope with day-today traffic levels, emergency closures of existing motorways and to enable manufacturing industry to compete effectively in the single European *market." Although some* new routes will be needed, many alternative motorways could be provided by developing existing road corridors.

The report drew an angry response from Roger Higman, the transport campaigner for Friends of the Earth. "Road building on this scale will cause massive destruction to the countryside and will invariably mean the permanent *loss* of many major wildlife sites," he said.

WONDERS OF THE MODERN WORLD

Winning wonders

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This weekend, *The Times* Saturday Review has the cover its readers asked for: the seven wonders of the modern world, chosen by you in the competition that followed the *Review* series on the ancient wonders. The modern seven make up a formidable array of 20th century achievement, with several controversial choices. On Saturday we shall publish the most popular choices as well as the best single list, for which the winner will get a truly wonder filled holiday

Vicar 'had adulterous affair'

By PAUL WILKINSON

A VICAR took advantage of a young mother when she turned to *him* for comfort *after her son's cot death*, a Church of England consistory court was told yesterday.

The Rev Tom Tyler, aged 51 and father of four, allegedly had an *affair* with Barbara Edwards, aged 32, soon after she became a member of his church in Henfield, West Sussex, three years ago.

Nicholas Atkinson, QC, the counsel prosecuting the case at East Grinstead magistrates court, said Mr Tyler used his position to gain access to the Edwards' home. He said Mr Tyler's early efforts to comfort Mrs Edwards had turned to sexual advances.

The vicar, who is charged with the ecclesiastical offence of conduct unbecoming a clerk in holy orders in that he committed adultery with a woman in his care, denies the *charges*.

Mrs Edwards cried throughout her evidence yesterday, first as she detailed the sudden death of her three-month-old son, Joseph, and then how she become involved with Mr Tyler.

She alleged they had had sex a dozen times during the year-long affair.

When cross-examined by Anthony Scrivener, QC, Mrs Edwards denied suggestions *that* she had been infatuated with Mr Tyler or that she had fallen in love with him.

The hearing, which continues today, is being presided over by Judge the Rev Rupert Bursell, QC, the deputy chancellor of the Chichester diocese. A verdict will be returned by four assessors, two clergy and two laity, from the diocese.

More children take up the ten-a-day smoking habit

By BILL FROST

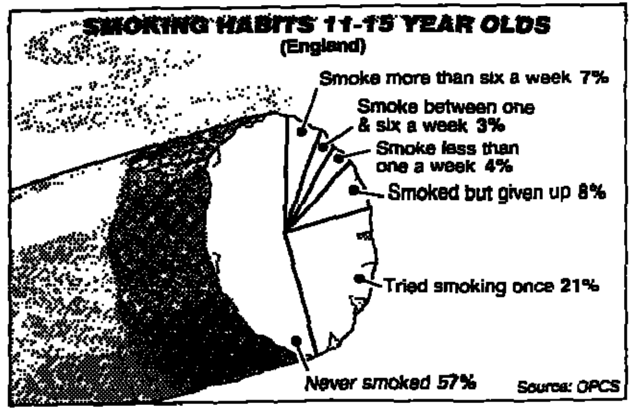
MORE than 300,000 children under the age of 16 are *regularly smoking* at least one cigarette a week, with a quarter of them smoking more than ten a day, according to a survey by the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys.

The figures, published yesterday, show that 10 per cent of 11- to 15-year-olds in *England and Wales, and* 12 per cent of 12- to 15-year-olds in Scotland smoke regularly. The 1990 percentages are higher than when the surveys were last carried out. In 1988, 8 per cent of English secondary school students smoked. In Scotland and Wales when the last survey was taken in 1986, 12 per cent of Scottish and 8 per cent of Welsh secondary school students smoked. The census office said yesterday that the small increase registered in England and Wales was not statistically significant.

In Wales, girls (11 per cent) are more likely to be regular smokers than boys (*8 per cent*). *In* England and Scotland there is little difference between the sexes.

The survey found that about *a quarter of regular* young tobacco users had smoked an average of at least ten cigarettes a day during the preceeding week. More than a third of all children had tried to buy cigarettes in a shop in the past year and only one in ten had been refused.

Virginia Bottomley, the *health* minister, called *for* a redoubling of efforts to discourage young people from smoking. She said: "Although the apparent increases in *smoking among students* are not statistically significant, the figures are disappointing. It is also disturbing that cigarette consumption among underage smokers has increased."



Teenage habit dies hard

By WILLIAM CASH

TEENAGE habits die hard. Smoking may be on the *decline* with adults, but a quick fag after school appears to be required behaviour for up to half of under 16s, according to some young smokers.

Two minutes after pupils shuffled out of Pimlico school, a central London comprehensive, several were reaching for a packet to share with friends. Shahin Bustakey, aged 16 and taking his GCSEs next summer, estimated that about half *of his year smoked*. He said that you had to be pretty stupid to get caught. The same figure is quoted by Michelle Hyland, aged 15, a pupil at St Thomas More School, near Sloane Square, who was off to enjoy a smoke with friends after being kept in for detention.

Kathleen Wood, the new head at *Pimlico school, admit*ted that smoking was a teenage problem that showed little sign of letting up in spite of changing attitudes within society.

Many children started to *smoke aged 12 or under*. The penalty, she said, would probably be no more than a warning for first time offenders although parents would be informed. Part of the difficulty in *enforcing* the *rules* on smoking was that many parents often appeared to give their assent.

Tristram Jones-Parry, the undermaster at nearby Westminster School, said that within the last 15 years *he had* observed no noticable decline *in* the smoking habits of pupils.He conceded that smoking was not considered very serious, compared with, say, bullying, although the *health issue* was extremely serious.

Maguire police 'were too zealous'

By LIN JENKINS

A LEGAL *assistant* who advised the Attorney General on terrorist prosecutions during the time of the Guildford Four, Birmingham Six and Maguire Seven admitted yesterday he was anxious about the over-zealousness of police and forensic scientists in efforts to convict the bombers.

Roger Maitland said he remained silent about his grave doubts concerning scientific evidence from both the Royal Armourments Research and Development Establishment (RARDE) at Woolwich and from Dr Frank Skuse, a home affairs scientist in Lancashire, even when campaigns began protesting *the innocence of those jailed*, because he believed his worries had been considered. Forensic evidence from RARDE was used in the *Maguire case and Guildford* Four case and that from Dr Skuse in the trial of the Birmingham Six.

Mr Maitland told the May enquiry into the Woolwich and Guildford bombings at *the New Connaught Rooms*, London, that his general scepticism arose from the climate of a vicious bombing campaign, combined with intense pressure to bring those responsible to trial.

That climate, he said, "left me rather suspicious and anxious to prevent what I thought to be perhaps the results of over-zealousness by the police. There was a risk of scientists perhaps trying too *hard to please*."

Asked by Sir John May if he had ever told the Home Office or Law Office about his doubts once others raised questions about the safety of convictions, he replied he had not, assuming his reservations had been dealt with by those higher up. "Also my doubts were quite general. I was concerned about a whole span of cases. I had grave doubts about results from Lancashire and RARDE as they existed at the time. It was obviously dreadful that the Maguire group *were dealt with as they* were: in the end it did not seem to me to be more dangerous than some other prosecutions."

Documents which arrived from the DPP's office concerning cases which needed the Attorney General's permission to proceed contained only the sketchiest details of forensic evidence. Mr Maitland said he was *suspicious of the brevity*. "I thought they were being secretive." He said he would have liked to see details of the tests used, the results and perhaps some photographs of the process. The hearing continues today.

Court throws out extradition appeal

From MARK FULLER IN THE HAGUE

THE Dutch Supreme Court yesterday rejected an appeal by Donna Maguire, a sus*pected IRA member*, against her extradition to Germany where she is wanted in connection with the murder of a British serviceman and *bomb attacks on military* bases.

The court's decision still has to be ratified by the country's justice ministry, and is expected to be confirmed soon, Wouter van Nispen, a court spokesman said. Five judges rejected Maguire's appeal that the case against her was not convincingly proven. Maguire, aged 25, from Newry, Co Down, is being held in *Maastricht prison pending the* extradition.

The decision will come as a relief to British authorities, who were outraged in July when a Dutch court acquitted Maguire and three co-defendants of the murders of two Australian tourists in Roermond last year. Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, is expected to protest about the decision at the Trevi Group meeting of European interior ministers this autumn.

Yesterday's decision will also please German authorities who first applied for Maguire's extradition from Ireland in 1989, after she was arrested on explosives charges.

Maguire is wanted by German authorities for crimes she *allegedly committed in 1989*. She is accused of the murder of Corporal Steven Smith in Hanover in July; of a failed bomb attack on British Army *barracks in Osnabrück and the* attempted murder of a guard in June, of a sabotage attempt at barracks in Münster in the summer; and of having carried out IRA *reconnaissance* activities at several other British military bases in Germany.

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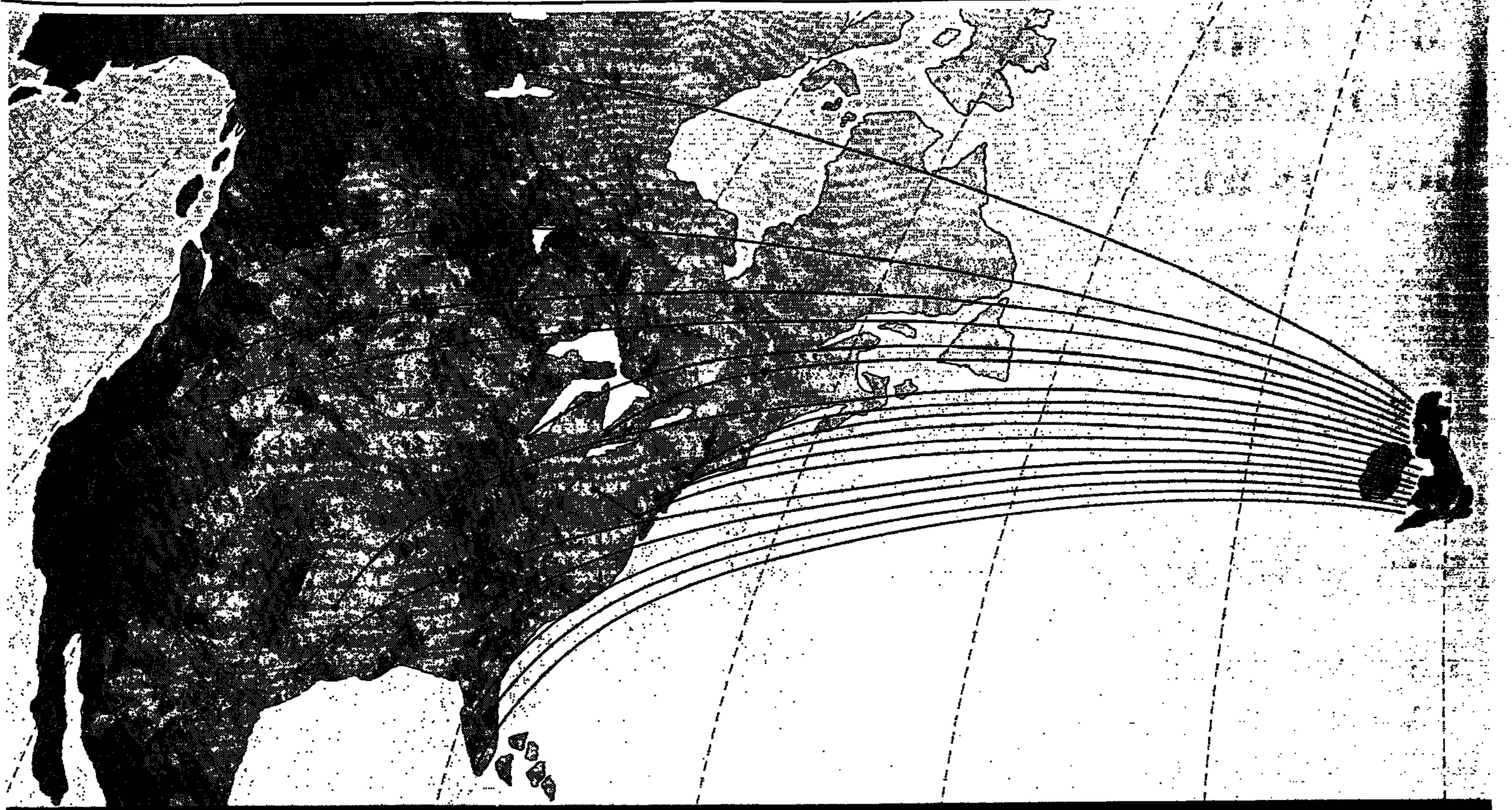

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Cut-price surgery abroad tempts sick to jump queues

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A SCHEME to help patients to find "bargain" operations on the Continent within six weeks will be launched today by two health care groups.

The move comes after research showed that countries such as France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Denmark could undercut private hospitals in this country by more than 50 per cent for many routine operations. Uninsured patients who are considering going private after being stuck on health service waiting lists will now be able to find out which hospital on the Continent can provide the least expensive treatment.

Mondial Assistance, an international group providing worldwide medical assistance, has compiled a list of fixed prices for 17 routine operations, covering up to 28 days treatment, which can be carried out within six weeks of the patient contacting the company. It will make all the arrangements for a £95 fee.

Mondial was approached by the Western Provident Association, Britain's third largest private health insurance company, to set up the scheme to try to put pressure on British hospitals to cut costs. The association will get a percentage of the fee.

Western Provident has been campaigning to keep down costs in private hospitals for two years and is convinced that once hospitals start publishing their prices, costs will reduce in this country. It does not intend to use the scheme for patients covered by its existing health insurance.

"Our objective is to create an external market giving people choice," David Ashdown, the association's marketing director, said. "We believe the Continental hospitals will make UK private hospitals more competitive. Hopefully that will bring down prices everywhere."

The prices quoted by Mondial Assistance include medical expenses, a private room with en suite bathroom, and food. Medical staff at most of the hospitals speak English. The firm will quote separately for travel costs although the return flight to most of the hospitals listed would be less than £200. All patients who contact the company will be given costed options: treatment in a local private hospital within 15 miles; a cheaper private hospital in Britain or a hospital on the Continent.

The price list shows, for example, that the cheapest hip operation in a private hospital in Britain costs £3,800, against £2,600 at a hospital in Toulouse. Prices among private hospitals in Britain also vary. A gall bladder operation (cholecystectomy), for example, costs £2,100 in Sheffield and £3,100 in Glasgow. However the cost of a similar procedure on the Continent is £1,000 in Toulouse and £1,400 in Marseilles.

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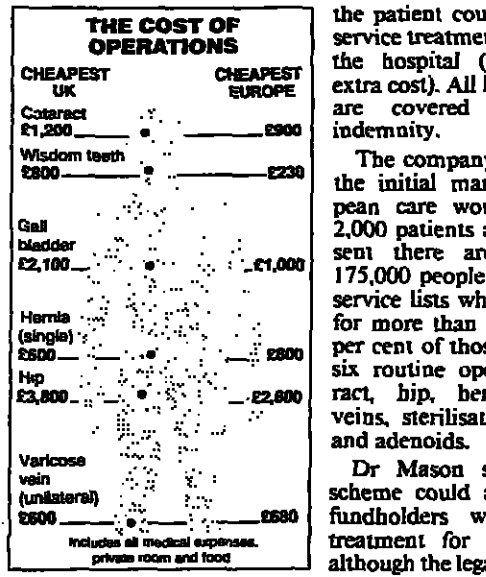


Includes all medical expenses, private room and food

Some Continental countries are more expensive than the United Kingdom. The same gall bladder operation costs £2,900 in Denmark and £4,300 in Belgium, while a hip operation costs £8,000 in Belgium, £4,000 in The Netherlands and £5,000 in Denmark.

Over the past three months, doctors from the Mondial Assistance have been visiting hospitals on the Continent to assess the standards of care and accommodation offered. Peter Mason, the company's medical director, said that patients would be offered treatment by a consultant, and that all specialists had more than the minimum training recognised by the European Community. He admitted that training requirements on the Continent were less rigorous than those in Britain and that no data had been collected on outcomes. He said, however, that the company was satisfied with standards in the hospitals chosen.

Dr Mason added that GPs would be expected to care for the patients on their return home. "GPs cannot abrogate their duties of care," he said. "We are choosing common straightforward operations so the risk of complication is small." If serious complications occurred after 28 days the patient could seek health service treatment, or return to the hospital (possibly with extra cost). All hospitals listed are covered by medical indemnity.

The company believes that the initial market for European care would be up to 2,000 patients a year. At present there are more than 175,000 people on the health service lists who have waited for more than a year and 50 per cent of those need one of six routine operations: cataract, hip, hernia, varicose veins, sterilisation or tonsils and adenoids.

Dr Mason said that the scheme could appeal to GP fundholders who can buy treatment for their patients although the legality of placing large health service contracts abroad is unclear. An attempt by a Boulogne hospital to draw up contracts with health authorities in southeast England earlier this year failed when the health department said it was not permitted by existing regulations. However, French lawyers are confident that when the barriers come down in Europe next year such restrictions will have to change.

A Mori poll commissioned by Western Provident Association, which will be published today, shows that 41 per cent of people would be prepared to pay if they had to wait more than three months for treatment and 32 per cent were willing to go abroad to avoid a waiting list.

Surgeons open up career path for women

By THOMSON PRENTICE
MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY WHITE

Room at the top: Dame Rosemary Rue, below, is at the forefront of the campaign to encourage women to become surgeons, with Averill Mansfield, top, and Margaret Ghilchik, both of them practising surgeons

WOMEN doctors should be better able to compete in the male-dominated field of surgery as the result of a scheme launched by the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the health department yesterday. Less than one per cent of surgeons are women, a proportion reflecting the difficulties female doctors have in reaching the higher levels of the medical professions.

Ways to improve the ratio were discussed at a conference held by the college in London yesterday chaired Dame Rosemary Rue, former regional general manager of Oxford regional health authority.

Under the new scheme, women doctors who want to become surgeons will be identified during medical training. The college said: "Every effort will be made to ensure that they receive the assistance and encouragement they need to pursue the training of their chosen specialty."

The scheme will be run jointly by the college and the health department, and will also involve regional health authorities, practising consultants and postgraduate deans. It is open to all women doctors who have passed the initial stage of Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons examinations.

The initiative is the result of recommendations made in a report earlier this year by a joint working party set up by the college and the department. The report said that although women embarking on a medical career are as able and as motivated as men, the increased output of women graduates from medical schools had not been matched by the career progress of women doctors.

Women are under-represented in the higher grades of the medical professions, especially at consultant level, and particularly within the surgical specialties. Of 1,217 general surgeons in England and Wales last year, only 11 were women. Across all specialties, women make up only 12.5 per cent of consultants. While about 42 per cent of house officers — the most junior rank of hospital doctor — are female, only about 23 per cent become registrars.

The reasons include the difficulties faced by women doctors who want to pursue their careers while also taking time off to have children and combining jobs with raising a family. Some of the doctors believe there is discrimination against them by senior male colleagues.

Relatively few women choose surgery partly because of the heavy burden of work involved, the conference was told.

Labour steals a march on parents' rights

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

PARENTS will be asked to sign a personal contract with their children's schools undertaking to control the amount of television they watch, ensure that they have a good night's sleep and do all their homework, under proposals published by the the Labour party yesterday.

Jack Straw, the party's education spokesman, said a typical contract would also ask parents to give educational presents, to see their child is properly equipped with a bag, pen, pencils and ruler, to attend parents' evenings and to keep the school informed of any problems that might affect their child's performance.

In return, schools will agree to educate the child to the best of their ability and to give parents more information and easy access to teachers. A Labour government would also introduce education advice shops, drop-in centres for parents at every school and teachers' surgeries.

Under Labour's parents' partnership, designed to upstage the government's parents' charter to be announced shortly, parents would also be given the legal right to set up a home-school association in which parents, teachers and some pupils would be able to discuss every aspect of the school and the education it offerd.

"Parents would work with teachers to involve those parents who for practical or other reasons, find it difficult to involve themselves with school," Mr Straw said. "This would help remove the teacher complaint that the parents they really want to see never come to the school."

Under Labour's plans, every local education authority should publish a guide to all state schools in the area together with every organisation providing recognised nursery schools, playgroups and nurseries. Schools would be required to update their prospectus every year, publishing their results in public examinations and their national curriculum records for all children over seven, together with truancy rates and the number of times teachers were absent.

A Labour government would also encourage local authorities to link with voluntary organisations to set up education advice centres which would offer impartial guidance to parents, students, and adults on courses, colleges and schools, including independent schools, in the area.

Parents would also be given detailed records of achievement on their children from the day they started school to the day they left, giving far more detail than that available in school reports. They would also have the right to take action against a local education authority they felt had behaved improperly and to speak at a public enquiry into any plan to close a school.

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, said last night: "Jack Straw is showing definite promise in pinching ideas from us. I am glad Jack likes the idea for league tables of school performance, though his idea is to make them so complicated no-one can understand them."

● Teachers are working longer but spending less time in the classroom, according to a survey by the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers. The survey of 300 teachers showed that a typical teacher worked almost 52 hours each week, of which less than 22 hours was spent teaching.

Baby was punched in play fight

A man who almost killed his 22-month-old son by punching him viciously in the stomach while trying to "toughen him up" was jailed for five years yesterday.

The child's mother came home to find the baby lying on the floor coughing up blood while his 26-year-old father sat on a sofa reading a newspaper, Derby crown court was told.

The boy was taken to hospital with a perforation to his small intestine. Mr John Burgess, for the prosecution, said surgeons also found damaged ribs, and cuts and bruises across the head and body.

When arrested, the father, who is unemployed, told police the injuries could have been caused during play-fighting. He admitted causing grievous bodily harm and a further charge of indecent assault against the child, who has recovered and is living with foster parents.

Sex abuse father jailed

A man aged 52 who sexually abused two generations of his family over a period of 20 years was jailed for two and a half years at Leeds crown court yesterday.

In the 1970s he taught his stepdaughter, aged nine, sexual acts but stopped after her 15th birthday. In 1991 she reported him to the police after he touched her daughter, who was also nine. The man, a former mine worker now living in Bradford, admitted indecent assault.

Hardy ruling

The transport department has rejected an application by Dorset county council for permission to put the name of Thomas Hardy, the author, on road signs leading to Dorchester, on which he based the town of Casterbridge.

Insect HQ

The British Entomological and Natural History Society, which has a large collection of British and European insects, has been given permission to build its headquarters at Dinton Pastures country park near Wokingham, Berks.

Digging deep

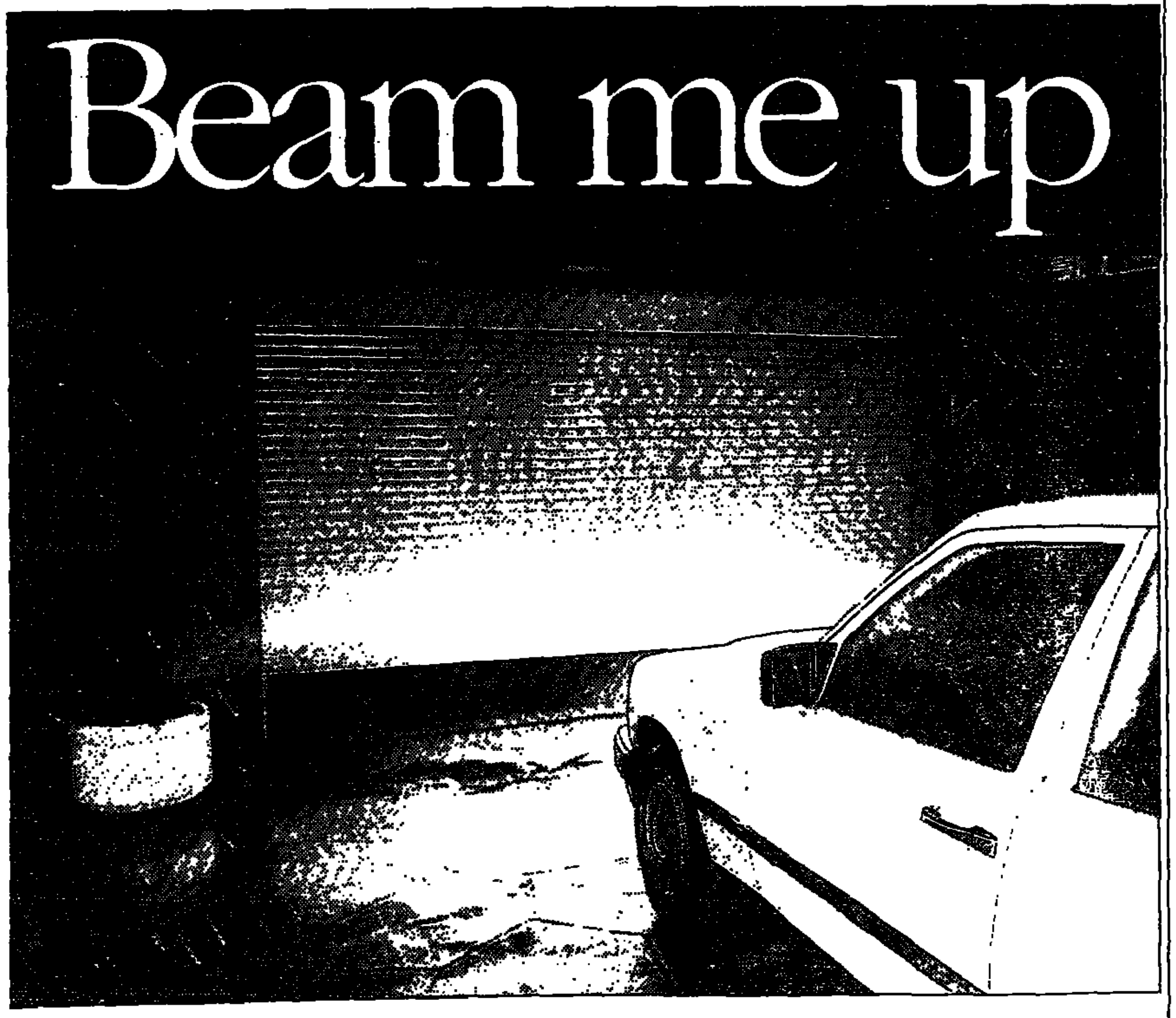
The Leonard da Vinci, claimed to be the world's biggest dredger, has arrived at Barrow, Cumbria, from Spain to dig a three-mile channel deep enough to take Trident submarines built at the nearby VSEL yard.

Sea rescue

The four-man crew of a Royal Navy Sea King were rescued when their Mark 6 helicopter made a controlled ditching in the sea, 40 miles west of the Shetland Isles.

Smoke alarm

Firemen put out a small blaze at a factory in Havant, Hants, which makes smoke detectors. "It was a bit ironic," police said.



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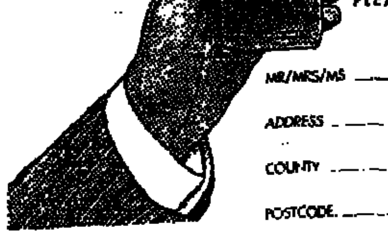

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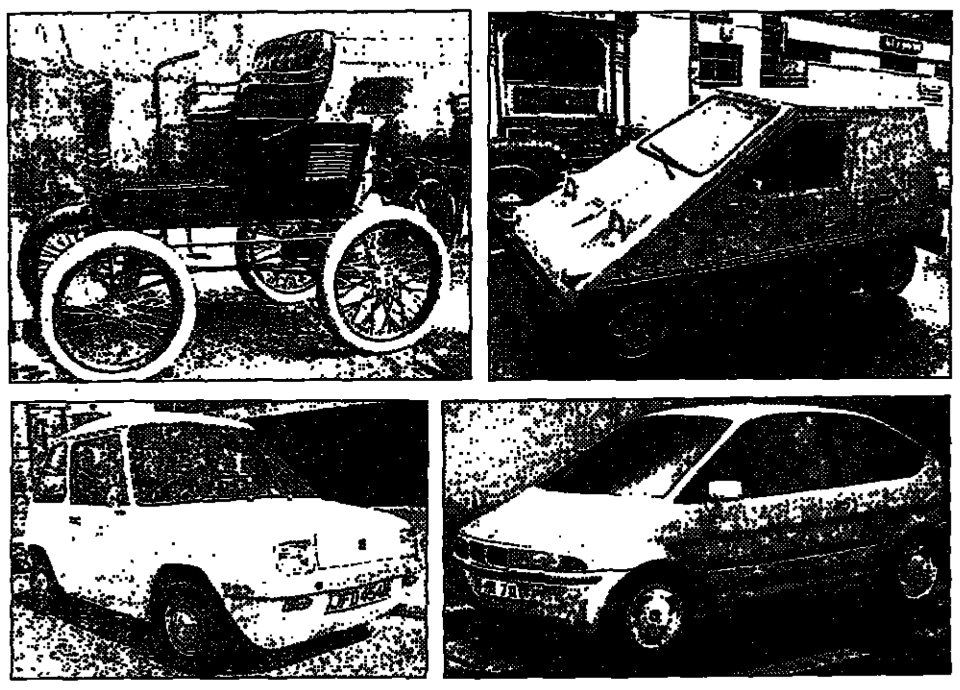

Road to progress: clockwise, Orient electric car from 1899; a 1981 Comutacar made in Dublin; the latest BMW E1 prototype; and a 1970s Enfield 8000

Electric cars gear up to take cities into a cleaner future

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT, IN FRANKFURT

ENGINEERS saw the electric car as the perfect transport nearly 100 years ago. Clean and quiet, it would glide through cities without creating exhaust fumes of the noisy internal combustion engine.

For over a century this has remained little more than a dream but yesterday saw the start of a drive towards making it a reality when more than two dozen electric cars, which manufacturers say will be on the roads before the end of the century, went on view for the first time at the Frankfurt motor show.

The models are working prototypes of of cars that will be needed to meet tough new pollution laws. In California, 2 per cent of all cars on sale will have to meet "zero emissions" regulations by 1998, which means that electricity will be the only viable power source.

The British will lead the way within two years with a range of vehicles for the Los Angeles department of water and power. Designed by IAD of Worthing, West Sussex, for CleanAir, a Swedish consortium, 30 prototypes will be on show at Frankfurt. IAD says that the models provide the basis for cars to be used in Los Angeles from 1993.

The vehicles, called LA 301, have a range of 60 miles and can be charged overnight for the equivalent of 59p. Back-up power comes from a conventional four-cylinder engine using "clean" gasoline.

BMW also has a model on show at Frankfurt. Its E1 is about the size of a Mini and weighs a quarter of the average petrol car, in spite of carrying 441lb of sodium sulphur batteries which give it a range of 155 miles and a top speed of 75mph.

Although the E1 is a prototype, BMW says that it will probably be available in Europe by the turn of the century.

The ultimate Rolls

THE last car built at the famous Mulliner Park Ward subsidiary of Rolls-Royce went on display yesterday destined to be one of the most luxurious and expensive cars to come from the London coachbuilding works (Kevin Eason writes).

Only a discreet badge marks out the new Silver Spirit II touring limousine as a Mulliner car at the Frankfurt show. The car is the last in a long line of specially-built Rolls-Royces from the Park Royal works in west London. At almost 20ft. the car is 20 inches longer than the Silver Spirit saloon on which it is based. Pull down the foldaway cocktail cabinet with crystal accoutrements in the back seats and settle back to listen to music from the compact disc player or even watch the television set in the burr walnut centre console. Champagne can be kept chilled in the refrigerator. There is a a mobile telephone and fax machine. The car costs £210,000 and consumes petrol at the rate of 15 miles to the gallon.

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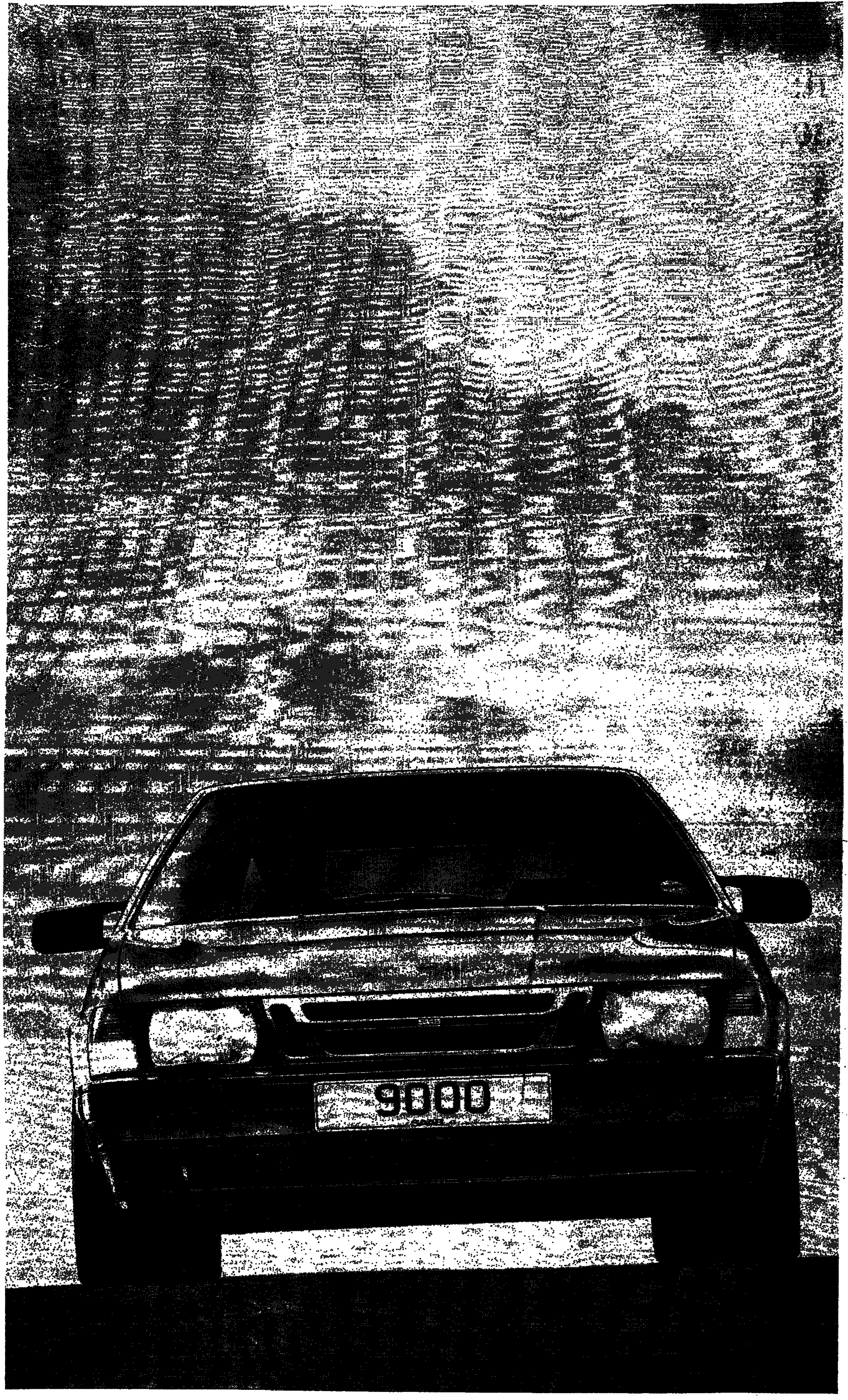

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Corporation to exploit rare animal films and scientific expertise in commercial venture

BBC tries to turn natural history unit into money-spinner

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

PROGRAMME makers at the BBC's world-renowned natural history unit in Bristol are being encouraged to start thinking of commercial applications for their work as part of a plan which looks far beyond the licence fee to finance more innovative nature programmes.

The unit, responsible for such widely-acclaimed series as *Wildlife on One*, *World about Us*, *The Natural World* and David Attenborough's *The Trials of Life*, is to announce the formation of a commercial arm at the Mipcom television festival in Cannes next month that will work alongside it to raise extra funding through the exploitation of both its natural history footage and scientific expertise.

A specially-recruited staff of 15 will make up the backbone of BBC Wildvision, a joint venture between the unit and BBC Enterprises, but production staff will also be called upon to think up "ideas and concepts" that could be communicated, on a consultancy basis, to advertisers for use in television commercials. Ideas for applying natural history expertise to other genres of programming, such as dramas for the BBC, will also be welcome.

Meanwhile, BBC Wildvision will also consider ways of exploiting the unit's 34-year-old natural history programme library, which contains 15 million feet of film and 5,000 sound recordings. Footage will be reused to make other BBC programmes and also repackaged for sale to outside film makers and educationists for projects in which the BBC itself is not interested.

Andrew Neal, head of the natural history unit, emphasised yesterday that commercial applications of the unit's work will be carried out by Wildvision staff, not the 100-member natural history production team. "We have got 100 very creative production staff. If they wake up in the middle of the night with an idea that would use of natural history footage to reflect what a certain company might want its image to be in an advert, Wildvision will certainly listen."

Mr Neal said the money raised from the project will enable the BBC natural history unit to invest both in new technology and the training of new creative talent. "Let's face it: the licence fee is unlikely to increase in real terms. Where else is the funding going to come from to ensure we stay at the forefront of innovative television?"

A division of Wildvision will concentrate on keeping the BBC at the forefront of technological development, allowing the unit to continue with such pioneering equipment as the underwater electronic cameras and sound equipment that will allow BBC1 viewers to watch presenters talking clearly to each other under water in three weeks' time with the new series *Seatrek*. "That cost a lot of money to develop; so do the new video cameras that are hardly bigger than a fountain pen that allow us to film animal behaviour unobtrusively," Mr Neal said.

Meanwhile, new BBC documentaries will become part of "multi-media packages" of books, videos, cassettes and eventually interactive compact discs, containing text, moving pictures and sound. "We will use our non-broadcasting side to ensure we become the world's leading multimedia producer. But standards will be kept up."

As for the programme library, Mr Neal said: "We know we're sitting on a goldmine of footage. We filmed creatures years ago that are now extinct in habitats that have changed significantly. We will soon be able to make programmes showing the effects of environmental damage."

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Richard Goss, a *Wildlife on One* cameraman, gets a close up of a South African meerkat

Orkney abuse girl 'attempted suicide'

ONE of the original Orkney children taken into care thought she was pregnant after sleeping with her brother, and tried to kill herself at school, it was disclosed yesterday.

Michelle Miller, an Orkney social worker, told the enquiry into allegations of child abuse on Orkney that the girl was in care at a school in the Highlands. On returning there, after spending the 1989 Easter holidays at home in South Ronaldsay, the girl took an overdose of paracetamol and began to mutilate herself.

Mrs Miller told the enquiry that the father of the W family was jailed for physically and sexually abusing the children but that after he was locked up, the younger female children were abused by the elder males. There were 15 members of the family, the enquiry was told.

She said that attempts by social workers to have the children taken into care were continually thwarted by the then children's panel reporter on the islands, Catherine Kemp, and other children's panel members.

The enquiry continues.

Soldier 'listened to conscience'

By PETER VICTOR

A SOLDIER accused of being a Gulf War deserter wrote a letter while on the run explaining why he would not help a campaign to "reduce Iraq to ruins", a court martial was told yesterday.

Gunner Vic Williams, aged 28, told how his conscience had driven him to go absent without leave from his unit in Dortmund, Germany, on the eve of his departure for the Middle East. The letter, to his commanding officer, was read out by Captain Mark Milligan, formerly adjutant with 27 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery — the unit to which Gunner Williams was sent before flying to the Gulf.

In the letter, Gunner Williams, said if he had been informed of any procedure that existed for conscientious objectors "I would have not felt the need to go Awol".

The prosecution showed a video of a BBC documentary in which Gunner Williams was asked if he expected to go to prison. He said: "Yes, quite simply. I doubt that they'll let me off lightly." The hearing continues today.

Pollution helps bugs kill trees

By NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

TREES exposed to air pollution provide such a tasty diet for aphids that they are in danger of being nibbled to death, a five-year study has shown.

Scientists at Imperial College, London, and Lancaster university have found that nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide and ozone all encourage the growth of aphids on conifers. Though the trees seldom die, their growth can be stunted by 15 to 20 per cent as the aphids feed on leaves, needles and shoots.

The finding is one result of a £1-million programme launched in 1986 and funded jointly by the electricity companies and the Natural Environment Research Council to investigate the effects of air pollutants on trees and crops.

The study said the reason aphids proliferate so fast is that the biochemistry of the trees is altered by pollutants. Changes in the amino acids and the ratio of nitrogen to sugar in the sap of the plants make it a better source of food.

Councils shake off loony left image

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THREE London councils that were once bastions of the hard left were praised yesterday for their new "customer friendly" approach.

Labour controlled Lewisham and Islington, and Tory controlled Brent, "positively take pains to settle complaints, an attitude which can only enhance their reputations and bring credit to local government as a whole," the annual report of local government ombudsmen said.

However, Liverpool city council was condemned for "chronic delays" in repairing council houses. Patricia Thomas, ombudsman for the North, said: "Unless a tenant seeks assistance from the courts, the ombudsman or a councillor, there is only a limited possibility of the council discharging its responsibilities as a landlord. That is not an acceptable state of affairs for a public authority."

Mrs Thomas said she had been forced to send her own staff to inspect Liverpool council houses to ensure that repairs were carried out. Liverpool was one of three Labour controlled councils which were condemned. The report accused Manchester council of dragging its feet over council house sales.

Mrs Thomas said some sales were taking more than three and a half years to process. That meant that tenants were having to wait between six and seven years before they could sell their homes. Manchester, Liverpool and Wakefield, had "persisted in rejecting or ignoring ombudsmen's findings and refused to implement remedies sought", the report said.

Overall the ombudsmen noted a "dramatic improvement" in local authorities' complaints procedures, a trend which they attributed to moves by the main political parties to give new rights to consumers of public services. Both the government's proposed Citizen's Charter and Labour's Quality Commission plan to place emphasis on responding swiftly to customer complaints.

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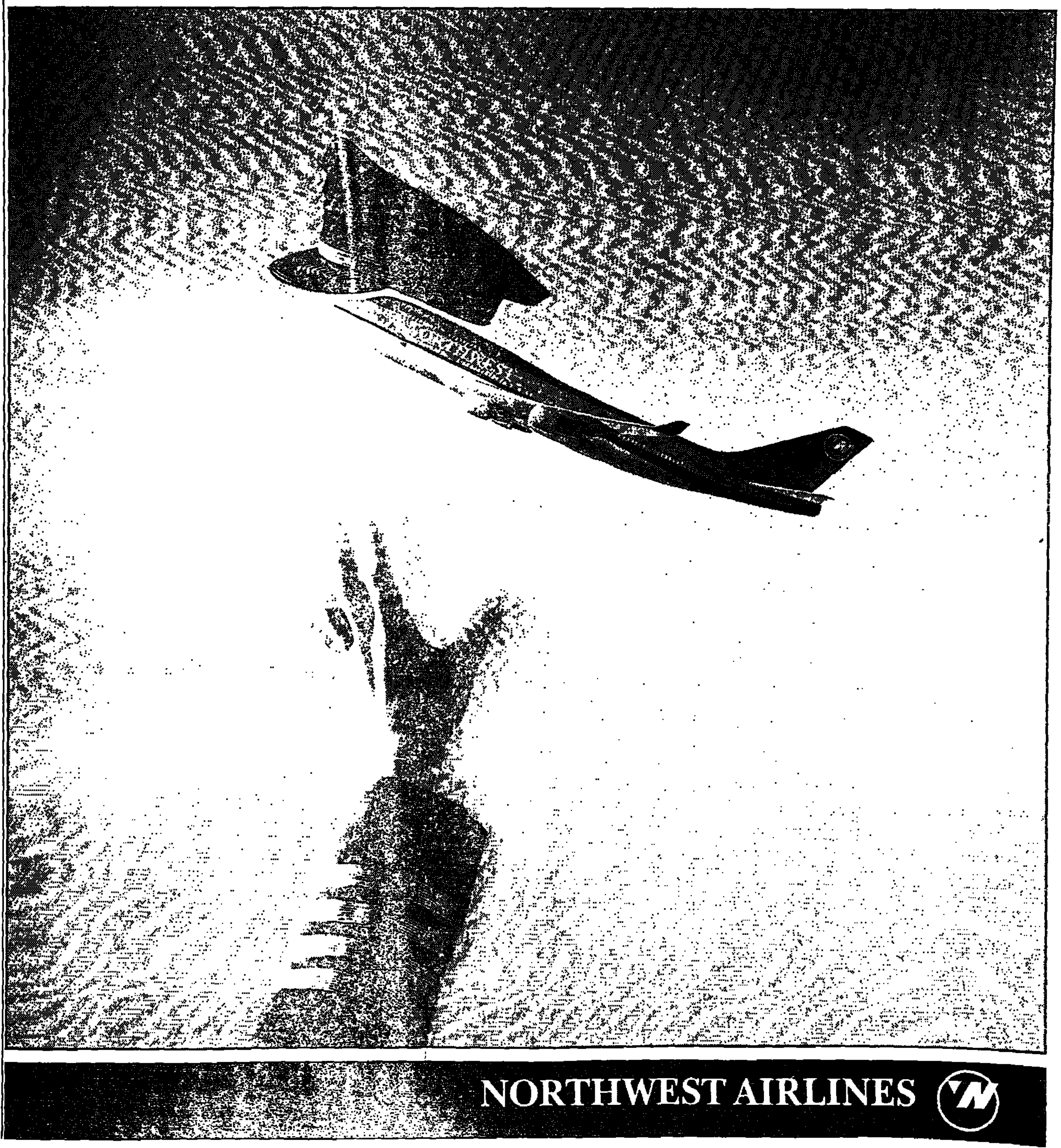

Beith commits his party to a single European currency

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

ECONOMY

THE Liberal Democrats committed themselves yesterday to a radical package of economic policies, including the creation of an independent central bank, rapid progress towards a single European currency, the setting of a national savings target and the decentralisation of pay bargaining.

The white paper approved by the party's annual conference in Bournemouth plans a shift of the burden of business taxation away from employers' national insurance contributions and towards taxes on resources. Under the party's plans to strengthen competition policy, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and the Office of Fair Trading would become independent of government.

Although some senior Liberal Democrats have doubts about how far economic management can be ring-fenced from political interference, **Alan Beith**, the party's economic spokesman, promised changes under a Liberal Democrat government that would not just change present economic policies but also alter the whole system by which they were made.

Pointing out that interest rates invariably came down as elections approached, and nowadays also as Conservative conferences approached, he pledged reforms to "reduce ministers' ability to subordinate economic policy to political tactics" and to force them to concentrate on the long term. It was not democratic that politicians can "fiddle the economy to fiddle the election".

An independent central bank, first in Britain, then in Europe, would prevent ministers from moving interest rates for political ends and fixed-term parliaments would stop prime ministers choosing dates to suit themselves.

Calling the national savings target the main innovation in the policy, Mr Beith said that in 1989 Britain had saved only 4.5 per cent of its national income while France saved 8.6 per cent, Germany more than 11 per cent and Japan almost 20 per cent.

Putting his party unequivocally in the free market camp, he said: "Where markets work, government should simply set the framework of law and tax. Where markets don't, government must decide how to compensate, by removing the blocks to markets working where possible or by intervention where that is the only way".

An attempt by Liberal Democrat trade unionists to amend the economic policy by providing for collective bargaining at national, regional and local level to be guided by a national consultative body was heavily defeated.

Mr Beith said that Labour governments had failed to reverse Britain's decline by increasing the government's involvement in the economy; Conservatiuves had failed to do so by abolishing the government's role. Liberal Democrats planned a carefully defined, restricted role for government. But they preferred investment in education and in the infrastructure to tax cuts.

In the debate, Liberal Democrat leaders were urged to speak out more forcefully in the interests of small businesses, helping them to collect their debts and to change the "predatory nature" of the stock exchange, which ensured that companies were bought for their propert assets to be stripped.

☐ **National insurance:** The conference passed a motion deploring the government's gross mismanagement of the economy and putting forward proposals for cutting the employer's national insurance contribution; adding to the training budget and improving standards of training for long-term unemployed people; and providing a guarantee of work in socially and environmentally useful activities for long-term unemployed people.

The motion also urged the implementation of the party's small business charter in order to support small businesses.

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Beith: interest rates "drop as elections approach"

Tax relief on shares rejected

By JOHN WINDER

INVESTMENT

OBJECTIONS to discriminatory tax relief for share ownership and incentives for banks and big building societies to provide a cheap high street share advisory service led to a heavy vote against a policy for wider share ownership; but the conference carried a motion outlining the new policy.

The motion called for a policy to include the introduction of basic forms of investment into the education curriculum, incentives to banks and building societies to provide a full and cheap advisory service and provision of a highly visible tax relief for share ownership.

Moving it, **Dr Jenny Tonge**, prospective parliamentary candidate for Richmond and Barnes, said that Tory policy ensured that control of companies was locked up in the hands of a few of their friends and cronies. In 1963, 53.8 per cent of equity had been held by individuals, but by 1981 that had dropped to 28.2 per cent and was now down to about 20 per cent.

A member of a group of Liberal Democrats working in the City, **Steve Carey**, candidate for Uxbridge, said that education should not overemphasise the role of shares. There were other investment products that should be looked at that would be more beneficial to the investor.

The incentive for banks sounded fine but flew in the face of other agreed party policies calling for fair competition on equal terms. The call for preferential tax treatment of shares was also contrary to party policy.

Alex Carlile, MP for Montgomery, said that Tory policies were a cruel illusion to the saver, particularly as some privatised shares had lost their value. "We are the real party of private enterprise that believes in the individual sharing in productive commerce and industry."

Free condoms for delegates

FREE condoms were available to delegates, the conference was told during a debate on Aids. **Lucy Jackson**, of the Student Young Liberals, said that they were available in the exhibition area.

During the debate **Janet Ross-Mills**, candidate for Chorley, said she wanted a policy to encourage as many people as possible to have the HIV test. The party should work for a policy that could save the lives of young people.

Archy Kirkwood, MP, said that there was a big potential for an Aids pandemic. Health education campaigns must get the message across because ignorance was death.

A motion calling for a national campaign against the disease was passed without dissent.

Leaders call for 'Berlin airlift' of food to USSR

By OUR POLITICAL EDITOR

SECURITY

THE failure of the coup in the Soviet Union should be followed by further comprehensive negotiations on arms reductions, the Liberal Democrats decided yesterday. Their defence spokesman, Menzies Campbell, called for a repeat of the Berlin airlift "at this minute" to ensure that the Soviet people did not starve.

The conference passed an emergency motion urging arms cuts and seeking the construction of a pan-European security framework.

Lord Holme of Cheltenham won some of the loudest applause of the day when he said that boldness was now required on nuclear arms. "We need urgent Western proposals through Nato for mutual cuts far deeper than anything done so far", he said.

"We need to eliminate land-based short-range missiles. We need drastically to reduce airborne short-range nuclear weapons and strategic weapons. It is indefensible politically, economically, militarily and morally to maintain a missile mountain in the new world in which we and the Warsaw Pact are now willy-nilly partners in buiding our own security."

Introducing the debate, Mr **Campbell** hit out at the G7 leaders, talking of "the myopia of the richest nations of the world, who invited Gorbachev to dine with them at the economic summit but sent him home hungry". The apparent humiliation of the Soviet leader, he said, had increased the risk of the coup that duly followed.

Mr Campbell said that the West had the opportunity to secure the democratisation of the once aggressive regime and the obligation to see that its 300 million people did not starve this winter. There was, too, "the opportunity to move towards a system of security for the whole of the European continent in which nuclear weapons play a decreasing part".

He said: "No iron curtain of self interest built by the West can now contain the agonies of the Soviet Union. We are *umbilically linked. Without* our nourishment they cannot develop; without our nourishment they cannot even survive." He called for EC food surpluses to be directed to empty stomachs in the Soviet Union rather than full warehouses in the Community.

Lord Bonham-Carter said that with the Soviet Union in the throes of what will not necessarily be a democratic revolution, the world had a second chance to rebuild Europe but was in danger of failing because it underestimated the scale of the challenge. There was no evidence that the introduction of market economies necessarily entrenched democracy in a country because the immediate consequences included higher unemployment, a higher cost of living and an economic recession.

Criticising Westen governments for their hesitancy in offering aid, he added: "Reform can only be introduced if accompanied and backed by aid".

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Water supply pledge agreed

Water companies must adopt a code so that the poorest of their customers were not denied the fundamental right of a clean and pure supply of water if they fell into arrears with their water bills, Richard Livesey MP, leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats, said during a debate on water disconnections.

The conference agreed a motion that also urged that disconnections for non-payment should be prohibited unless there were a court order.

Welsh lamb protest

Welsh delegates have taken the opportunity to investigate the price of Welsh lamb in Bournemouth supermarkets. and are criticising the shops for their high prices. They say that, although a third of the ewes on offer at Builth Wells last week were unsold and prices received were only about 55p a pound, one Bournemouth supermarket was charging an average of £1.67.

Child care

Five charities united at the conference in a fringe meeting yesterday to launch a child care agenda, including a minister for children.

Business today

The main business today is a debate on the policy paper *Changing Britain for Good*, a title that has become the theme of the conference. The paper contains the party's proposals for constitutional and political reform. Other debates today are on the potential takeover bid for ICI, rights of older people, the general election campaign, NHS trusts and the environment.

CONFERENCE DIARY

Now Ashdown, last of the three, surrenders to the image makers

JOHN Major shuddered at the idea of succumbing to the machinations of the image makers on entering 10 Downing Street. Yet the revelation that he tucks his shirt into his underpants has led inevitably to a series of subtle changes in his appearance this summer.

His hair, his spectacles and his suits have all undergone an overhaul.

Neil Kinnock long ago gave himself up to accepting the advice of Peter Mandelson, Patricia Hewitt and, more recently Julie Hall, while his shadow cabinet has been colour co-ordinated by Barbara Follett.

Now Paddy Ashdown has given in. Before he makes his conference speech tomorrow the voice therapist, Margaret Lang, will have worked on his breathing to guarantee a deep, rhythmic delivery.

The actress Liz Lynne, best known for her voice-overs, who has been picked to stand in Rochdale in place of Sir Cyril Smith, has been giving him regular voice training during the past year. She will rehearse the keynote speech with him today to make sure that the timing and intonation are just right.

He rarely wears glasses and, as befits his Royal Marines background, the Ashdown hair is kept closely cropped and strictly in order.

Gone are the tight, creased trousers and narrow jackets of previous years. After a persistent campaign by his personal aides, he has switched to sober, double breasted suits with more generously cut trousers. Nothing too extravagant, of course, for the leader of a party that used to think that sandals, jeans and check shirts the height of sophistication. As a standard size, I am assured that he picks his sober suits off the peg at Marks and Spencer and C & A.

Financially, the Liberal Democrats show a healthy balance book compared to either the Tories or the Labour party. From being £600,000 in the red in the darkest days of post-merger blues at the end of 1989, the party is nearing the £1.25 million target for the election fighting fund and has turned a sizeable overdraft at the Royal Bank of Scotland into a handsome six-figure surplus.

Most of the money has come from subscriptions and appeals. But the Liberal Democrats are also quietly sustained by a batch of about 2,500 benefactors, most opting to remain anonymous. Their help comes in the form of money or free services. Among the list of generous supporters are said to be Ludovic Kennedy, Barry Took, John Cleese and Hugh Lloyd.

The last time the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman, Alan Beith, was in Bournemouth international conference centre, he recalled yesterday, was as an observer at the gathering of the Tory faithful. It was not an altogether pleasant experience, he said. He inadvertently went through a wrong door to find himself beside the platform face to face with the entire assembled masses letting rip with *Land of Hope and Glory.*

A nasty thought at the end of the economics debate came from Lembit Opik, of Estonian ancestry, who has been selected to fight Newcastle Central at the election. If the 18 countries Soviet and Baltic countries are allowed to join the European Community, he wondered, how long would that make the Eurovision song contest?

Ashdown: voice therapist gets to work on his delivery

Members urged to fight for animals

By SHEILA GUNN

ENVIRONMENT

LIBERAL Democrats were urged yesterday to become the main campaigning force in the next general election for animal rights when the party's annual conference voted to produce a green paper on animal welfare.

Simon Hughes, the party's environment spokesman, said that protection of animal rights was part of the party's environment policy. By the year 2025 up to a third of the earth's species could be extinct. For the same reasons, he added, the Liberal Democrats wanted to protect the rainforests and rescue the ozone layer and also to enhance the rights and protection available to those sharing the planet with human beings.

Peter Chegwynd, leader of Gosport borough council, said that the party should campaign on the conference resolution that backed the establishment of an animal protection commission, called for legislation to protect fur-bearing animals, stricter controls on animal experiments and an end to all unnecessary cruelty to animals.

He complained that some of the party's MPs tried to pretend there was no party policy and even favoured blood sports, factory farming and animal experiments.

Local tax 'ready for next April'

COUNCIL CASH

IF JOHN Major called a November election the Liberal Democrats could put their local income tax into effect by next April, sparing Britain the misery of another year of poll tax and a following year of council tax.

David Bellotti, MP for Eastbourne made the claim when he opened a debate on local government finance by moving a motion calling for poll tax to be relaced at the earliest opportunity.

He said that the party's local government finance proposals were the only ones related to ability to pay. Answering those outside the party who suggested that its ideas were impractical, he said that they worked in Germany, Denmark and America, and could work in Britain. Their proposals contained an equalisation element because the party always found it appropriate that the rich should help the poor.

The motion also called for the present unified business rate to be replaced by site value rating and, although several speakers strongly urged a local corporation tax instead, that proposal was decisively rejected.

Grant Williams, of Birmingham Edgbaston, said that land value taxation had not been up to its job and site value taxation was simply a change of name. A corporate version of local income tax on businesses would be easy to collect and a fair tax.

Christopher Mason, the party's candidate for Glasgow Hillhead, said that if they adopted site value rating they would lose the support of small businessmen to which they were entitled.

Roy Douglas, of Croydon South, said that a proposal such as local corporation tax would make the party a laughing stock as a party that did not know its own mind.

Earl Russell said that the party needed to look at the issue of business taxation again. He was concerned about the effect of site value rating on city centres; it would create further incentives to get shops out of them.

The motion was carried.

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US group alleges routine torture in postwar Kuwait

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

KUWAIT'S human rights record in the six months since liberation from Iraq is denounced in a 63-page report published today by the independent New York-based Middle East Watch.

"A Victory Turned Sour" is the most comprehensive indictment yet of the restored regime of Sheikh Jaber Ahmed al-Sabah, the emir. The document also accuses the American government of failing to condemn abuses widely reported in the West.

A Kuwaiti doctor who had been active in the resistance to the Iraqi occupation, told a representative of Middle East Watch inside the Mubarak al-Kabir hospital, where Kuwaiti security forces allegedly conducted brutal interrogations: "After seeing all these victims of torture, I see that Kuwait, after liberation, is producing many little Saddams."

Publication of the report, which appears just after America's agreement to sign a new defence pact with Kuwait and shortly before an expected official visit by the emir to Washington, is clearly timed to try to embarrass the Bush administration into stronger criticism. "The administration has acted far more as a defender of the Kuwaiti government — rebutting human rights criticisms and actively seeking to deflect attention from Kuwaiti abuses — than as a government intent on living up to the human rights principles which formed part of the rallying cry for war with Iraq," a spokesman for Middle East Watch said.

Based on fact-finding visits to the emirate, telephone interviews and research by Kuwaiti human rights monitors, the report condemns the Kuwait government for continuing torture, arbitrary detention in appalling conditions and unlawful deportations. "Legal protections contained in the fourth Geneva Convention ... have been systematically flouted in the process of summarily deporting Palestinians, Iraqis and *Bidoons* (stateless Arabs)," he said. "Refugees who fear persecution in Iraq have been returned to Saddam's grasp."

Although the report concedes that the level of violence against non-Kuwaitis has dropped, it suggests that there could still be mass expulsions of Palestinians and *Bidoons*. The document states: "The violence of the early months of liberation is increasingly being supplanted by an inhumane and illegal deportation process which threatens to accelerate in the light of a governmental decree that residency permits of all non-Kuwaiti citizens will expire at the end of October."

Alleging that arbitrary detention and torture remain at "disturbingly high levels", the report continues: "Torture takes place in a variety of government detention centres, abetted by the government's tolerance of long-term incommunicado detention and the absence of any prosecution of those responsible for violence against prisoners.

"Severe beatings with fists and clubs are the most common form of abuse, but other techniques include electric shock, burns with cigarettes and other hot items, rape and the denial of food and water ... much of the torture was applied simply as an instrument of collective punishment against random members of the disfavoured nationalities."

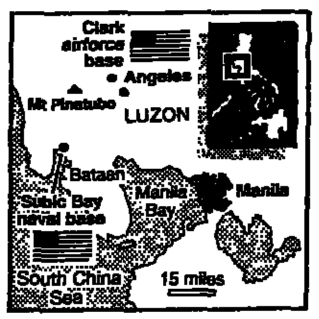
Much of the report, ranging from an investigation into the discovery of 54 unidentified bodies in Kuwait's al-Rigga cemetery, to accounts of scores of individual cases of torture and deportation makes harrowing reading. The report quotes the testimony of three Palestinians and an Iraqi, arrested in May, who said they were put through torture routines so well-practised that Kuwaiti officers had nicknames for different torture chambers. "The youths were led through what the police call the Party Room, the Barbecue Room and the Drinking Juice Room.

"In each, at least a dozen uniformed troops applied various forms of torture: beating with sticks and poles, electric shocks and burns with cigarettes and heated rods, plus forced drinking of what smelled like sewage water. The scars were still visible when the four were interviewed ten days after their release."

● **Kuwait City:** President Bush will visit Kuwait early next year, the emirate's ambassador to America was quoted as saying yesterday by the newspaper *Sawt al-Kuwait*. *(AFP)*

Aquino heads pro-base march

From ABBY TAN
IN MANILA



PRESIDENT Aquino and tens of thousands of Filipinos marched in torrential rain to the Philippine senate yesterday in a last effort to win ratification of a military bases treaty with the United States.

The crowd, estimated by police to number between 100,000 and 150,000, rallied in a square to endorse the American presence in the *Phillipines*, and to urge that the forces be allowed to stay another ten years. Mrs Aquino marched half a mile at the head of the column of supporters to the senate.

A home-made bomb exploded under a soft drinks lorry during the rally, slightly injuring three people, police said. The explosion took place while Mrs Aquino was having a private meeting in the senate with Jovito Falonga, the president of the senate.

On Monday, the senate foreign relations committee rejected, by a 12-11 vote, the treaty granting the United States use of Subic Bay naval base for a further ten years. The full senate is expected to cast its final vote on the agreement later this week or, at the latest, on Monday, when the current lease on the naval base and Clark air base runs out.

Mrs Aquino's aides said yesterday that senators agreed to consider holding a national referendum on the issue. Despite the emotional march, senators opposed to the bases said the Aquino magic would not work. "*I don't think our positions will change*," said Agapito Aquino, the president's brother-in-law. Groups estimated at 6,000 people held a counter-rally at the senate after Mrs Aquino left.

Many of the pro-base supporters came from the northern Philippines. They carried balloons and placards reading "Yes to retention of US bases" and "Keep the US bases to prosper". Mrs Aquino, in a speech to the rally, gave a warning of serious economic problems if the American forces left.

American officials have said that rejection of the treaty spells the end of extensive American aid for the Philippines. Philippines business leaders have given a warning of the loss of confidence among foreign investors if the Subic base closes.

Mrs Aquino lacks the 16 votes required to ratify the treaty. Only 11 senators have said they will vote for it. Under the treaty, Washington will give up Clark, which was badly damaged by the recent eruptions of the Mount Pinatubo volcano, but will retain Subic for ten years for $203 million (£118 million) annually. However, opposing senators have said that the offer is an insult.

Franklin Drilon, President Aquino's key adviser, said the government's last card was to gather support in the senate to pass *a bill calling for a* referendum. Mr Drilon said surveys show the public support for the treaty. He added: "The rally is to show our ally [the United States] that the vote of the senate is not reflective of the popular will."

Singles court: Martina Navratilova, the tennis star, breaking down while giving evidence to a preliminary hearing in Fort *Worth, Texas, over a suit filed by Judy* Nelson, her former lesbian lover. Ms Nelson claims that the millionaire player reneged on an agreement to pay her half of the estimated $5 million (£2.9 million) to $9 million she earned during their relationship. Ms Navratilova, who cried in the *witness box several times, told the court* that she was threatened with a public airing of their affair unless she agreed to divide her estate with the Texas divorcee. *(Reuter)*

Democratic hopefuls to join Tsongas on campaign trail

From PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN ST LOUIS, MISSOURI

PAUL Tsongas has barely *four days left as the lone* candidate for the Democrat presidential nomination for 1992. Unlike most office-seekers, who manoeuvre to keep opponents out of their races, Senator Tsongas is *delighted that on Sunday he* will be joined by Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa and, after that, almost certainly by Bill Clinton, the Arkansas governor, Douglas Wilder, the Virginia governor, and Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska.

"I have pleaded with them all to run," he said. "We need to plough up the ground of our party and get new plants to grow. I can't do that by myself." His name has not *attracted popular attention* since the former Massachusetts senator announced his candidature in April. When we met in the Midwest he was without aides and unrecognised by passers by.

But *among* his rivals, the Greek-American company director, aged 50, *enjoys greater* respect. He swopped politics for a business career seven years ago after overcoming cancer. He used this time, in unprecedented fashion, to draw up an economic programme, "*A Call to Economic* Arms", which he wants his party to adopt.

He unashamedly backs the process of wealth creation. He wants a national economic policy like that of Germany *and Japan, including a capital* gains tax cut to boost domestic investment. He wants a rapid end to what he calls the "twinky economics" of tax-and-spend that has left his party untrusted by the nat*ional electorate for all but four* of the past 24 years.

Governor Clinton has called the programme "a well-done piece of work". Senator Tsongas is less likely than the charismatic Mr Clinton to win the nomination, but he has the satisfaction of knowing that he has *helped to change his* party's economic agenda.

But he has an educator's air which Mr Clinton is not alone in finding an irritation. "Senator Tsongas and I have never taken an economic test against *each other*," the Arkansas governor said acidly in response to a Tsongas claim to greater economic understanding than his competitors.

A liberal activist said Tsongas "is the Democrats' guru of *guilty conscience, but he does* not frighten us because he cannot win. He is too boring." He can cause trouble, however, especially for Senator Harkin, Iowa's favourite man of the old left, who is expected to announce his candidacy at a barbecue on Sunday. The Harkin plan is a new "New Deal" which he calls resource-based economics, but which Senator Tsongas dismisses point-by-point as "no economic policy at all".

Hectic schedule attracts criticism

By DAVID WATTS
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

SO INTENSE have the pressures of Douglas Hurd's peripatetic lifestyle become that the itinerary of his African visit, which begins today in Kenya, has been trimmed *because of an accelerating* diplomatic programme.

Critics are beginning to look *askance at the current vogue* for "road-show" diplomacy: foreign affairs of the handshake, photo-opportunity variety, relatively free of content. "There's no time for serious discussion," George Foulkes, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, said — and its lack of impact, he believes, is exemplified by the European *Community's attempts to* solve Yugoslavia's problems.

Yugsolav diplomacy kept Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, busy during the holiday break which dissolved into a hectic work schedule for many of Mr Hurd's European counterparts. But the foreign secretary's programme of travel resumed with a vengeance at the beginning of the month when he went with John Major to China.

The Yugoslav peace conference soon afterwards demanded his attention. Then there was a brief pause before he flew to Moscow for yesterday's conference on human rights. Barely had Mr Hurd had time to speak before he was on the plane to Nairobi at the start of an African swing.

The week beginning September 23 sees the "hardy annual" of world diplomacy, the United Nations General Assembly in New York. At the end of the month, the EC foreign affairs committee requires *a presence at foreign* minister level. In October, there is the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in Harare, after which comes the Nato summit and the full schedule of key policy meet*ings on the future of the EC*

The foreign secretary's African focus comes after what are already almost the forgotten issues of earlier this year — the Kurds and Iraq-related security questions. His pro*gramme is one that* would sorely tax a less energetic man and many now believe that the importance of European issues is alone enough to justify the appointment of a minister for Europe.

Foreign Office colleagues describe Mr Hurd's recent schedule as "very demanding of a single individual". Between the middle of May and the end of June he was out of Britain attending no fewer *than ten European gatherings*, beginning with the European Foreign Affairs Council in Brussels and ending with a meeting of *the* European Council in Luxembourg. Six of the journeys involved overnight stays and pre-occupied Mr Hurd for two days. During that same period his ministers of state undertook a further *five EC-related missions*.

In most international gatherings it would not be appropriate for Britain to be represented by anyone below Mr Hurd's rank and, certainly on policy questions on Europe, there are moves of such importance that delegation would be out of the question. *The real* test will come this autumn as the long climb towards the creation of Britain's future in Europe gathers pace.

Hurd on delicate mission to Kenya

By SAM KILEY
AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS Hurd arrives in Nairobi this morning for *his* first visit to Kenya as foreign secretary with a delicate diplomatic *mission*. He must reassure an increasingly paranoid government that "foreign masters" have no intention of destabilising President Moi, while at the same time making clear that continued British support *and financial* aid depends on the government remaining corruption free and keeping a clean record on human rights.

Ironically, after talks with Mr Moi, George Saitoti, his vice-president, and Ndolo Ayah, the foreign minister, Mr Hurd will fly to Kisumu, on Lake Victoria, the site of a government *enquiry* into the murder of Robert Ouko, the former foreign minister, which *could* expose widespread corruption in high places. Nicholas Biwott, the energy minister, has been accused at the enquiry, which has run for 204 days, of waging a vendetta against Ouko and of allegedly accepting a commission of £1.7 million for arranging for an Italian company to rebuild a molasses plant in Ouko's constituency.

While these and other allegations — that local police in Kisumu tried to make Ouko's murder look like suicide, for instance — have been sensational, the enquiry has so *far been allowed to run its* course free of government interference. There has been no repition of the rioting provoked by Ouko's death last year in which at least 20 people died.

After the rioting and a protracted row with Washington over human rights abuses and the imprisonment of opposition leaders and lawyers critical of Mr Moi's regime (all of whom have now *been released*), the government has made a notable effort to improve its record on human rights, according to diplomats in Nairobi.

But diplomatic pressure must be applied with kid gloves. Kenyan MPs, *resentful* of what they see as neo-imperialist meddling, continue to complain of attempts by so-called foreign masters to destabilise the government. Some MPs even accuse the American CIA of plotting Mr Moi's death.

Britain, still considered the most influential foreign power in Kenya despite contributing only about £40 million a year in aid, well behind Japan's £400 million, has so far taken the softest line.

The government, while explicit about its policy of tying *aid packages to conditions of* respect for human rights and what it calls "good government", has been careful not to provoke resentment.

Moi: will hear conditions for continued British aid

Columbus inspires great visa lottery

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

IF YOU dream of living in America, now is your chance. Monday, October *14, is Columbus Day and* the State Department is celebrating with a lottery. The prizes are 40,000 immigrant visas — almost all for Europeans.

People kill to acquire one of these priceless "green cards" in normal circumstances, but on this occa*sion there* is no need to have relatives already living in America nor an offer of employment. There is no limit to the number of entries an individual can make. There is no application charge, not even a formal application form. All one need do is write one's name, address and a couple of other details on a piece of paper and send it to a *Virginia post office*.

The visas will go to the senders of the first 40,000 letters which are received after 00.01am on October 14 at the Merrifield post office, near Washington, but therein lies the problem. Officials expect to *receive five million* applications that week and to stand a realistic chance of success applications must arrive by the first post that Monday morning.

Judging the precise moment to *mail* applications from abroad is almost impossible. Premature applications and those hand-delivered by courier or registered mail will not be accepted. Moreover thousands of applicants, probably including many who live illegally in America, are expected to travel in person to the building to mail their letters just after the *last* weekend collection.

Already this problem is spawning a cottage industry in umpteen countries. Entrepreneurs are offering, for a fee, to take applications to northern Virginia in order to put them in the post at the optimum moment.

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Right-wing Croats press Zagreb for unfettered military action to end Yugoslav conflict

Tudjman urged to risk all-out war

From ROGER BOYES IN ZAGREB

FRANJO Tudjman, the Croatian president, is being urged to step up the conflict with Serb insurgents and to risk all-out war. A few months ago he could have shrugged off such a political challenge, but he is now the beleaguered leader of a country reeling from daily defeat on the battlefield.

Dr Tudjman was Tito's youngest general, but he was a political rather than a battlefield general, a key difference that is becoming apparent. He has appeared only once in uniform during the present conflict: wearing a bulletproof vest and tailored battle camouflage, he flew to Sisak to inspect the frontline. National guard officers immediately asked for more firepower to tackle the Yugoslav army, which has unlimited supplies and heavy guns.

Dr Tudjman advised them to shoot less and save their ammunition. He said Croatia would win back the territory, more than a third of the republic, lost to the Serbs this summer, but he did not say how.

The nationalists inside the Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) are very unhappy about Dr Tudjman's policies. The Croatian leader has staked everything on persuading the West that the republic wants a lasting and equitable peace. The nationalists consider that such a stance smacks of surrender and they believe that the peace conference at The Hague runs the risk of becoming a kind of postwar settlement in which a humiliated Croatia is dismembered, with international blessing, in return for its independence.

In almost all the battle areas, Slavonia, Banija and behind the Adriatic coast, local commanders now belong to the extreme right wing of Dr Tudjman's HDZ party. In private conversation and increasingly in public they describe the Croatian president as indecisive and afraid of a fight. Even those close to him admit that the president sometimes finds it difficult to make swift decisions or commit himself to a military policy.

Dr Tudjman is not giving in to demands for an all-out war — there has not even been a general mobilisation of young Croats — because he wants to contain the already heavy human losses and keep Croatia on track for international recognition. War would deflect the West from this cause and could lose the Croatian leader the diplomatic support of Germany.

In a fine irony, Dr Tudjman's most vehement peacetime critics, the former communists now known as the Party of Democratic Change (SDP), are keeping him in power. Zdranko Tomac, a leading member of the SDP and deputy leader of the all-party wartime government, says that there is no alternative to the Croatian leader.

● **Madrid:** Eduardo Flores, a Hungarian of Latin-American parentage, who has been reporting the fighting in Yugoslavia for the Barcelona newspaper, *La Vanguardia*, has quit to enlist in the Croatian defence forces. He said: "I have never in my life seen such a dirty war as this one in Croatia." *(Reuter)*

Serbian forces pound Osijek

By ANNE MCELVOY IN ZAGREB AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE eastern Croatian city of Osijek came under fresh assault yesterday, as Serbian forces pounded it with mortar and rocket attacks, killing at least one person.

The fighting took place the day after a team of five European Community observers had visited the city to monitor the fragile ceasefire there. There was also further heavy fighting near the town of Pakrac, between Zagreb, the capital, and Osijek. Croatian radio claimed a total of 14 deaths across the republic.

In the Serbian province of Kosovo, dominated by ethnic Albanians, police dispersed some 15,000 protesters in the capital, Pristina, demonstrating against Serbian policies. Six thousand Albanian teachers have been dismissed for refusing to implement the Serbian curriculum for the new school year, due to begin next Monday.

Increasingly beleaguered by Serbian forces, Croatia has announced a nightime curfew in 29 towns affected by the conflict. In the present turmoil, with the police actively involved in the fighting, it is unclear who is intended to enforce it.It appears rather to reflect the fact that the republic is on a war-footing. Croatia is now estimated to have lost nearly a third of its land. Attacks by Serb guerillas, backed by the federal army, are creeping closer to Zagreb.

Stipe Mesic, the Croat who heads the federal presidency which officially commands the armed forces, said yesterday in Zagreb: "The army has not listened to me. I have no power at all." In his strongest statement yet, he declared that the federal forces had "metamorphosed into a Serbian army".

Continuing its peace efforts, the EC has invited Budimir Loncar, the Yugoslav foreign minister, and representatives of the six republics to The Hague tomorrow for talks, under the chairmanship of Lord Carrington.

Given the elbow: Serbian commandos practising martial arts at a training camp near Titova Korenica yesterday

Enmity burns on altar of nationalism

By ANNE MCELVOY

THE tomb of Cardinal Alojzius Stepinac on the altar of Zagreb's gothic cathedral is barely visible beneath the Croatian flags, candles and flowers which deck it. The offerings bear the word *Hvala* — thank you. Before it, young Croatian guardsmen pray.

Religion is an endemic part of national identity in Croatia, which is overwhelmingly and fervently Roman Catholic. It is also a powerful weapon in the battle for the future shape of the region. The Pope has said that he intends to visit the republic and has thrown himself behind Croatia's efforts for independence.

The present conflict is opening up ancient divisions between the Orthodox church of Serbia and Roman Catholics, and is reawakening memories of injustices perpetrated in the name of religion. The Catholic church in Croatia has a tarnished record from the second world war, having welcomed the establishment of the republic as a quisling nazi state in 1941 in order to escape Serbian domination.

Several Franciscan monks participated in killings of Serbs in Croatian Bosnia. In the worst incidents, Serbs were lured into Catholic churches on the promise that conversion to Rome would save them, and then killed.

Cardinal Stepinac never openly condemned the Ustashi and even now Cardinal Franjo Kuharic, the spiritual leader of Croatia's Catholics, tries to play down the killings. "It was only a handful and the church never gave her approval," he said, waving his hand in dismissal. The figures involved have never been verified. The church was saved from an intensive examination of its acceptance of the wartime regime and its atrocities by the suppression it suffered when the Communists took power.

Cardinal Stepinac was given a show trial and sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment for war crimes — an unfounded charge intended to discredit the church further. It had the opposite effect. People rallied around the cardinal, turning him into a hero and martyr. He was released from jail after ten years, but confined to his native village, Krasic, to prevent him becoming the figurehead of a nationalist, religious revival. Posthumously, that is what he has become.

Cardinal Kuharic speaks eloquently of the need for peace, for respect for human life and of universal ethical codes, but the conciliatory words soon spill over into declarations which could as easily come from Croatia's most militant politicians. "We wanted sincere and honest dialogue with the Serbian church leaders," said the cardinal, "but their judgment of the situation is too influenced by the politics of Serbia and by propaganda." He seems unaware, or perhaps just unapologetic, that his stance bears the stamp of Croatia's propaganda, too.

Judge says reporter murdered

Santiago — A British journalist found dead in his Santiago hotel room in March last year was killed and then hanged to make his death look like suicide, a Chilean judge said.

The body of Jonathan Moyle, aged 28, of *Defence Helicopter World*, was found semi-clothed in a wardrobe. Judge Alejandro Solís said there were no suspects, nor had officials determined a motive. Jorge Trivino, the lawyer representing Moyle's family, said he did not rule out involvement of drug or arms traffickers. *(AFP)*

García denial

Lima — Alan Garcia, the former Peruvian president, denied to congressional investigators here that he used £290,000 of government cash to build three houses in Lima. The accusation was "a cunning and malevolent trick" and "sheer falsehood", Señor Garcia, aged 42, said. *(AP)*

Dissident home

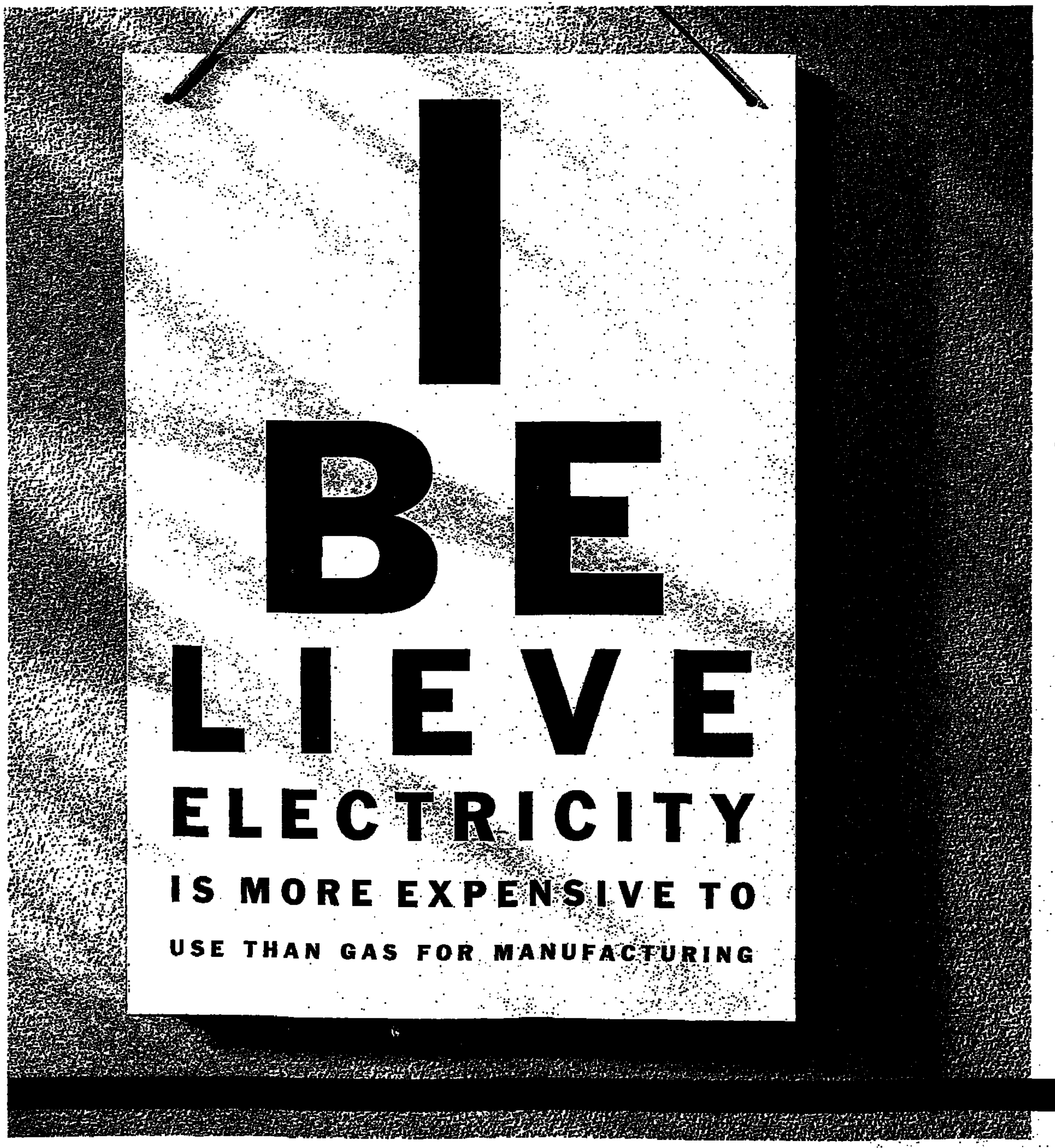
Hong Kong — Luo Haixing returned home to a tumultuous welcome here after two years in jail in China for allegedly helping pro-democracy activists try to escape after the Tiananmen Square killings. "I am just so happy to be home," he said, adding that he wanted a holiday and might visit Britain. *(Reuter)*

Star's Aids death

Los Angeles — The actor Brad Davis, who starred in the film *Midnight Express* and co-starred in *Chariots of Fire*, has died of an Aids-related illness, aged 41. His widow said he contracted HIV from drug use. The family had kept his infection secret as he feared he would not get work as an actor. *(AP)* **Obituary, page 16**

Unlucky strike

Hong Kong — Nine hundred prisoners who make clothes, shoes and wood products in Stanley jail's workshops, went on strike after a move to end free cigarette rations as part of an anti-smoking campaign, an official said. *(Reuter)*



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Democrats line up challenger to Gorbachev as rights conference begins in Moscow

Sobchak supporters set their sights on Soviet presidency

From ANATOL LIEVEN IN ST PETERSBURG

AS WESTERN foreign ministers met President Gorbachev in Moscow yesterday, supporters of Anatoli Sobchak, the popular and energetic democrat mayor of St Petersburg, urged him to challenge Mr Gorbachev for the Soviet presidency. His charisma would make him a formidable contender, even if Boris Yeltsin — his democratic ally — also entered the lists. Mr Gorbachev has promised free presidential elections.

Some here believe Mr Sobchak is using St Petersburg — formerly Leningrad — as a stepping stone to the Kremlin. But there is concern among more radical democrats that leading lights of the democratic movement, Mr Sobchak included, are really reform communists at heart and would not be all that different from Mr Gorbachev. Mr Sobchak has his detractors on the St Petersburg city council, which he is accused of bypassing in an autocratic manner. Boris Miseyev, the deputy chairman of the council, said: "In Petersburg, Mr Sobchak is not so popular as in the West and in Russia as a whole, because we know him better."

Mr Sobchak is handsome, highly intelligent, a forceful speaker, and very popular among ordinary citizens. He has lost ground among the intelligentsia, despite the fact that, unlike President Yeltsin, who is a man of the people, he is a professor of law and an intellectual himself. He left the communist party last year.

Personal criticisms of Mr Sobchak focus on his alleged tendency to be high handed, to change his mind rapidly and to surround himself with sycophantic and self-seeking advisers.

Mr Sobchak's supporters on the other hand praise his courage, decisiveness and imagination.

The new rulers, such as Mr Yeltsin, Mr Sobchak, and Gavriil Popov, the mayor of Moscow, as former communists are trying to make a compromise with parts of the old establishment, where the radicals want to sweep it away and take over its jobs.

In the words of Commander Viktor Drozdov, a St Petersburg naval officer and radical deputy: "We have not yet had a victory for democracy. All that has happened is that the old, state economic establishment has stepped into the shoes of the communist political establishment." By doing this, the industrial managers were taking their own revenge for the way that Khrushchev and Brezhnev transferred their powers to communist party organs.

Anatoli Golov, another Social Democrat deputy, pointed to the strong interest of managers in gaining control of state bodies so that they can then get on with "spontaneous privatisation", turning themselves into semi-private controllers of vast chunks of Soviet industry. Mr Golov called them "the proprietors of state property".

Radical anxieties about what is happening in St Petersburg centre on the figure of Georgi Khizha, whose ultimate power base lies in his position as director of the giant Svetlana military electronics factory. On the strength of this, Mr Khizha became chairman of the "association of state enterprises" in the city. With around 500,000 workers and another million dependents, the directors in this body directly govern the lives of a quarter of St Petersburg's population Mr Khizha gained even more influence as the representative of the Soviet Union on the commission to decide the future of Soviet and Russian state property in the city. Finally, last week Mr Sobchak appointed Mr Khizha to head the city's commission on economic reform.

In Mr Golov's view, "Sobchak has done this because Khizha has a solid name in industry, and is a serious and efficient man. Sobchak may also be paying a debt to Khizha and the industrialists for having supported him against the communist party this past year. But in my opinion the mayor is making a mistake. He has always avoided picking strong men, but in this case, Khizha is actually more powerful than Sobchak".

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Merger of KGB planned

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

PROPOSALS are being drafted in Moscow to amalgamate the security service, the KGB, and the interior ministry into a Western-style police organisation. Viktor Barannikov, the new Soviet interior minister, told reporters yesterday that he and Vadim Bakatin, head of the KGB, were drafting merger ideas separately and would present them to President Gorbachev in the near future.

Mr Bakatin has made no secret of the fact that his brief includes a thorough overhaul of the KGB, including the abolition of many of its previous functions, and its possible renaming. Both the KGB and the interior ministry, whose former leaders took a prominent role in last month's coup attempt, are embarking on large staff reductions in the bureaucracy.

Mr Barannikov emphasised, however, that professionals in "operational posts" need have no fear for their jobs. He also said that interior ministry troops, who are most often used in inter-ethnic disputes, would be gradually withdrawn from the republics if republic authorities requested it.

He suggested that ethnic disputes could be policed in future by forces subordinate to the republic authorities, but expressed caution about the desire of several republics to create their own national guards "lest they become weapons in the hands of certain politicians for use against ethnic minorities".

Genscher pleads for Germans

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

HANS-DIETRICH Genscher, the German foreign minister, said in Moscow yesterday that the rights of the two million-strong German minority had to be protected within the new order being created for the Soviet Union.

In the wake of the unsuccessful Soviet coup, all the signs are that, after 45 years in exile, the Volga Germans are again to be granted an autonomous republic, this time set up by Boris Yeltsin, the Russian Federation's president. Most of the ethnic German population lives in Central Asia, where they have always claimed to be subject to discrimination and now fear being expelled from newly independent republics there.

Given the importance of maintaining good Soviet-German relations, a range of ideas is now coming forward to help them, and Herr Genscher met a delegation of them yesterday to promise backing for a new Volga German republic.

● **Moscow:** Nikolai Gubenko, the Soviet arts minister and the sole member of the old cabinet to survive politically after last month's putsch, yesterday flatly rejected demands by traditionalist Jews for the transfer from Moscow to New York of thousands of sacred and historic texts (Bruce Clark writes).

The minister's tough stance may well cause some embarrassment to President Gorbachev, who reportedly has been pressed by Western leaders, including John Major, to endorse the handover.

Flash point: A supporter of the Georgian opposition party becoming involved in a heated debate at the barricades in Tbilisi yesterday. Tension is high in the republic since demonstrators took to the streets for five days last week. The barriers were erected by supporters of the Party for National Independence in protest at a call from President Gamsakhardia to get rid of his political opponents in the republic. Leaders of Georgian intellectuals held a meeting before the demonstration and decided to support groups opposed to the hardline government. *(AFP)*

Tricky game of name changes

By TIM JONES

WHILE citizens of Leningrad may be delighted that from October 1 the name of the Soviet Union's second city is to be changed to St Petersburg, this particular manifestation of freedom from communism is being greeted with less than enthusiasm in the West.

The revolution sweeping through the old marxist empire is causing unwanted problems for a host of organisations, ranging from British Airways to the government-funded Permanent Committee on Geographical Names. For cartographers, this is just the tip of the iceberg.

Hundreds of villages which did not exist before the 1917 revolution were named Krasnyy Oktyabr (Red October). As each village is within a district or republic which wants either to change its name or dispute its boundaries, the committee's task has become charged with political and educational importance.

Alison Ewington, senior cartographic editor for Times Books, which produces *The Times Atlas of the World*, said: "Remember last year we had the reunification of Germany and the unification of Yemen? This is the same sort of task, but on a far larger scale. We are talking of thousands of changes. For example, Andropov changes to Rybinsk, Brezhnev changes to Naberezhnyye Chelny, and Chernenko changes to Sharypovo."

Paul Woodman, the Permanent Committee on Geographical Names' secretary, said it was not yet known whether the new form of Leningrad should be Sankt Peterburg or St Petersburg. "We shall not be advising cartographers to make any changes until we have received official conformation from Boris Yeltsin, although I fear some publishers have jumped the gun."

British Airways said that, if the Russian authorities acted swiftly, the destination name on international tickets could be changed. Travel agents are likely to receive next month's fares manual from British Rail with references to Leningrad. A spokeswoman for BR said they would wait for confirmation of the name change from Russian State Railways before amending it. Given their bureaucracy, of the combined organisations, the likelihood is that Leningrad will be known as that until well into the next century.

Changes put state on side of angels

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

UNTIL three weeks ago, Moscow would have been an ideal venue for the "alternative" delegates who have gathered at every *Helsinki follow-up* conference on human rights.

The Soviet record had improved, but there were still cases to answer. Moscow made a controversial venue, and there was much for non-government lobbyists to do.

After August's abortive coup and revolution, the alternative groups are in something of a quandary. They are here in force, but the sting has been taken out of their work.

The Soviet leadership itself has suddenly turned to attack the very abuses that the human rights campaigners fought for so long. It has formally got rid of most of the repressive establishment, and it has recognised Baltic independence. The new head of the KGB told Western reporters that all cases of imprisonment on political grounds would be investigated. Previously he would have denied that there were any.

Last week, the Soviet legislature passed — almost without realising what they were doing — a declaration on human rights which aims to bring Soviet standards up to those of the West. Whether those rights are observed in practice is another matter, and will largely depend on local authorities.

But the principle has been conceded, and the state is now on the side of the angels. An individual now has a legal basis from which to present his case.

The Soviet Union is one of the last Helsinki signatories to embrace human rights in the broad sense. Many of Eastern Europe's most prominent human rights campaigners are now not only free, but in government. Those who would previously have been prominent in the fringe groups were yesterday sitting at the official conference table.

All this presents human rights activists with a dilemma. Their cause is no longer a simple case of civilised West versus barbaric East, nor can it remain an anti-communist crusade. The campaign is being encouraged to become what some of its original members always intended it to be: a movement to protect the rights of individuals world-wide *vis-à-vis* the state.

This could make for some strange paradoxes. Jeri Haber, the American co-chairman of the Helsinki Watch Group, foresees a time when the group may have to defend former communist officials against persecution in the Soviet Union, and when ethnic Russians might have to be defended against excesses by their non-Russian rulers.

Gorbachev's plea, page 1

Thatcher visit raises questions

MARGARET Thatcher arrived in Peking last night hot on the heels of John Major in a move that has given rise to widespread speculation about the former prime minister's motives (Catherine Sampson writes).

If these are in any way untoward, Mrs Thatcher may have misjudged the situation. Against all odds, Mr Major's visit went off smoothly in the eyes of both his hosts and the British electorate, which had demanded robust talk on human rights.

Mrs Thatcher herself, in 1982 and 1989, traded sharp words with the Chinese, but a grudging respect for her strength of character remains widespread.

Husband cleared

Karachi — Asif Ali Zardari, the husband of Benazir Bhutto, the former Pakistan prime minister, has been cleared by the Sind high court of charges of persuading a state-run bank to grant a £19 million loan to a hotel group without adequate security. The court will give reasons for its decision later. *(AP)*

Editors backed

Athens — The Greek government was widely criticised after seven newspaper editors were jailed for publishing guerrilla statements. Scores of people cheered the editors outside the prison near Athens. Opposition parties denounced the sentences, accusing the government of being behind the jailings. *(Reuter)*

Relief threat

Sydney — The Red Cross has threatened to withdraw from Papua New Guinea in protest against the 18-month blockade of medical aid to Bougainville island, where rebels are fighting for independence. The Red Cross considers the government has broken the Geneva convention by targeting civilians in the conflict.

Last goodbye

Sydney — John Lyons, an Australian, one of the divers trapped in a decompression chamber at the bottom of the South China Sea last month, wrote to his family shortly before he died. "He left a very personal love letter. It's a goodbye letter, I can't say more than that," Sue Lyons, his wife, said. *(Reuter)*

Poster banned

Rome — The Italian advertising watchdog, following the example of its British counterpart, has banned the Benetton poster showing a blood-smeared new-born baby still attached to its umbilical cord. Oliviero Toscani, who took the photograph, said that he had not intended to cause a scandal. *(Reuter)*

Prague EC hope

Prague — Czechoslovakia hopes to sign an association accord with the European Commnity by November, despite France's block on trade concessions, a spokesman said. Zdenko Pirek, the deputy foreign minister, had earlier expressed Czechoslovak disappointment with the French stance. *(Reuter)*

Driver protest

Brussels — More than 1,000 Belgians marched through the streets of Brussels yesterday to the British embassy to demand freedom for the Formula 1 motor racing driver, Bertrand Gachot, in prison awaiting an appeal against an 18-month sentence for using CS gas in an argument with a London taxi driver last year.

Sri Lanka toll

London — After sending a research team to Sri Lanka, Amnesty International believes that the number of people killed in fighting between government forces and the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in recent months runs into thousands, with many victims hacked or burnt to death. *(Reuter)*

Old country

Tokyo — Japan will have a record number of centenarians by the end of the month. The health ministry estimates there will then be 3,625 people aged 100 or more, an increase of 327 on last year. Figures reveal that 80 per cent of Japanese centenarians are women. *(Reuter)*

Prostitution plea

Miami — Kathy Willets, aged 33, a self-styled nymphomaniac, and her husband Jeffrey, aged 41, a Florida sheriff's deputy who watched from inside a wardrobe while she had sex with men in their bedroom at $150 (£85) an hour, are to plead guilty to prostitution charges, their lawyer said. *(Reuter)*

Mitterrand on mission to remain

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

IN THE gilt and mirrored splendour of the Elysée palace's Salle des Fêtes, President Mitterrand will today strive to convince the French that he is not a spent force at home or abroad. At a televised press conference, he will attempt to rebut widespread citicism that the extraordinary pace of events in the world is proving too much for a man of almost 75 years old to cope with.

M Mitterrand's crowded agenda tomorrow also includes a lengthy session with John Major in Paris to attend a conference of the conservative-inclined European Democratic Union. Organisers had hoped until yesterday that Boris Yeltsin, the head of the Russian Federation, would attend, but it appears that he is to remain in Moscow for a meeting of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

There was a *time* when M Mitterrand would return from his summer holiday raring to go, poised to swoop upon the hopelessly divided forces of the conservative opposition and re-establish his authority. But although this week he became the longest-serving French president under the fifth republic, overtaking General de Gaulle's 3,764 days in office, his *rentrée* has been overshadowed by sharp criticism, from almost every political sector, of his botched handling of the attempted coup in Moscow.

It is clear that M Mitterrand's inner circle has been badly shaken by the criticism of his two singularly inept appearances on television at the height of that drama. Today's press conference will provide an acid test of whether he has regained the presidential authority he used to wield to such effect. It would be remarkable if he were allowed to escape questions on the 1993 parliamentary elections, two years before his own second term in office expires.

It remains to be seen whether the president can grab some of the prestige derived from the presence of a dozen or more foreign leaders at the democratic union gathering. Strictly speaking, the event is being master-minded by Jacques Chirac, the mainstream conservative leader and mayor of Paris, who has made the splendid mayoral premises of the Hôtel de Ville available.

In international terms, Mr Major may not yet be a name to conjure with, certainly not in comparison with Margaret Thatcher, but he still ranks some way ahead of Franjo Tudjman, the president of Croatia, and Constantin Mitsotakis, the Greek prime minister. *Yitzhak Shamir, the prime* minister of Israel, remains something of a wild card, apparently having requested an invitation and the right to speak.

On past form, M Mitterrand can be expected to do everything to ruin his rival's day in the spotlight, and the press conference will provide him with the perfect opportunity to steal such glory as is going. On the other hand, he has had to digest the bitter findings of a recent opinion poll which concluded that just over 60 per cent of those questioned now believe he has been worn down by ten years in power.

For a leader who operates *in the belief that he has an* infallible touch with ordinary people, that would have stung badly: he will be gambling on recovering this lost ground with a virtuoso performance today. As the generally sympathetic newspaper *Libération* observed yesterday, M Mitterrand is a past master at handling radical changes of political direction with a minimum loss of credibility. But this time round, it concluded, with the spotlight on French foreign policy that he considers his own domain, "*there is no lightning* conductor to protect the president."

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Une conférence de presse de M. Mitterrand
JE LES HAIS!
IL FAUT Y ALLER, M. LE PRÉSIDENT!
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Press-ganged: *Le Monde* depicting M Mitterrand being urged to brief journalists whom he hates

New Nato unit goes into battle without an enemy

From MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, IN PADERBORN

THE first multinational division formed by Nato went on trial in the German countryside yesterday, but for the first time the alliance commanders had no specific enemy in mind.

The four-nation airmobile division will eventually form part of Nato's planned rapid-reaction corps. Yesterday 176 helicopters were involved in a training operation at the start of a ten-day Nato exercise code-named Certain Shield, in which the new division is playing a star role.

One week after the dissolution of the Soviet Union and five months since the formal disbandment of the Warsaw Pact, the timing of the exercise has highlighted the apparent contradictions which now lie at the heart of the new relationship between East and West.

For more than 40 years Nato exercises have been planned on the assumption that there was a real enemy across the East-West divide. In the latest exercise, for the first time, the "enemy" appears not from the east, but from the south.

The alliance is going ahead with plans to replace the layers of national corps facing east with rapid-reaction forces, ready to go anywhere within the Nato region. The collapse of the Soviet Union has not altered that strategy.

Major-General Michael Rose, the British commander of the new division and a former SAS commander and director of special forces, said it might look as if the military had not been reading the newspapers in the past two years. "We're still out here exercising as we have for the past 45 years," he said.

But Nato had to retain strong defences. "It's not a question of asking who the enemy is," he said.

Now, instead of gearing everything for a single mission, countering a Warsaw Pact offensive, there was "a much wider range of options."

The size of the exercise reflects the changed times, with only 28,400 troops taking part compared with nearly 79,000 four years ago. There are also no tanks and much of the battle is being simulated on computer.

Even where real vehicles and troops are participating, heavy restrictions have been imposed on all their movements, especially at night, because of the pressure from the German population to limit damage to the environment.

Could this new airmobile division be used in Yugoslavia if an appeal were made to Nato governments for military assistance?

General Sir Peter Inge, commander-in-chief of the British Army of the Rhine and, with his Nato hat, head of the Northern Army Group in Germany, said the division was in no position to go to Yugoslavia, even if Nato governments agreed that alliance troops could be used out of area. Sir Peter said "out of area" was getting closer to home. But the new division did not have sufficient logistic support to carry out such an operation.

The multinational division currently consists of the British 24 Airmobile Brigade, the German 27 Luftlande Brigade, the Belgian Para-Commando Regiment and one Dutch Light Aviation Group, adding up to a total of about 8,000 men.

The division is supposed to be capable of rapid reaction and deployment over distances up to 75 miles and to sustain itself in battle for 48 hours.

Once Nato's rapid-reaction corps, also under British command, is formed, the airmobile division will play an important part, although Sir Peter emphasised yesterday that governments would have to put their hands in their pockets to pay for the new formation. This would include the purchase of new attack helicopters for the British army.

Although they have not yet been formally asked, the Americans are expected to provide a combat aviation brigade, equipped with the Gulf War-proven Apache helicopters, to give the corps exceptional firepower.

What makes a man want a child and not a wife? **Alice Thomson** meets David Cook, whose new book assesses the unmarried father

A single man's need for a son

DENZIL McNEELANCE

The reasons behind adoption fascinate David Cook. 'What makes a man want a child and not a wife? What role will the child fulfil in their life?'

Graham Holt would like a son. He writes the word "son" on his shopping list between bread and Chinese cabbage. Then he plucks up his courage and goes to an adoption agency. But for Holt, an introverted single man in his late thirties, with an elderly, invalid father, the chances are slim. Although he knows he has love to give, the social services are not convinced.

Holt's quest to adopt a son forms the basis of *Second Best*, David Cook's latest novel. Best known for *Walter*, his novel and television play about a mentally retarded man with a passion for racing pigeons, Mr Cook prides himself on tackling thorny matters. His novels and television scripts have been widely praised by such contemporaries as Margaret Drabble, Auberon Waugh and Kingsley Amis. Having written about the mentally handicapped, autistic children, and child abuse, he has now turned his hand to the touchy subject of adoption by single men.

The idea for the subject of his eighth novel came from a television documentary about a single man in Tyneside who was attempting to adopt a boy. They were ill-matched, the boy being hyper-active and the man shy, but Mr Cook was struck by not just their interaction, but why a single man would want a child.

"I personally do not see any reason why a single man should not be allowed to adopt. What fascinates me is why he would want to. What makes a man want a child and not a wife? What role will the child fulfil in their life?

"Also, I wanted to help dispel the myth that if one is single or gay one is bound to be a paedophile," he says. "I got in touch with an adoption service and said, 'Look, do you have any single men on your books who want to adopt'? They provided 25 men, but only four of them had succeeded in adopting."

According to Mr Cook, single men adopting are faced with myriad difficulties. "The idea brings about all the suspicions of child abuse. I think after the Cleveland case even happily married couples became frightened to cuddle their own children. For single men it was much harder."

'I am self-obsessed and would be a terrible father. I get broody, but I have fancy pigeons as a substitute'

During his research he found that most of the men wanting to adopt were well-adjusted people, who longed for the company and love of a child, but had not necessarily found a partner with whom to have a family. He then conceived Holt, a gentle, rather simple man, and James, the highly intelligent, messed up ten-year-old whom he tries to adopt. "I thought it would be interesting to take a child who has been in care for a long time and is streetwise, and a man who is innocent, and see how they change each other. I had to bring the message across that although being adopted by a single parent is not conventionally ideal, it can be a great deal better than staying in a childrens' home."

The question of sexuality is brought up when Holt, who has lived all his life in a small Cotswold village and is a virgin, discovers that his father is gay, and when James crawls into the same sleeping bag as him on a camping expedition and falls asleep. "I wanted the boy to take the lead and say we are going to get over this hurdle. We must be able to touch each other without worrying," Mr Cook says.

Through going to childrens' homes and adoption evenings, Mr Cook found many other obstacles and prejudices faced by single men. If they are allowed to adopt, they often get older children who may have learning difficulties or have been in trouble with the police. The children have often been shifted from home to home, and cannot get used to permanence. Child and adult must also cope with a long trial period, and Mr Cook handles this potentially heart-breaking scene with delicacy.

His intensive research and his degree of sympathy for Holt begs the question, does he want to adopt a child? "I am gay and have been in the same relationship since 1963. I do not think I want to adopt a child," Mr Cook, now 50, says. "I am fairly self-obsessed and I would be a terrible father. I can get broody, but I have fancy pigeons as a substitute. I know that I sometimes get angry with pigeons who are not performing, so I do not think I could cope with a child." He does not think his partner wants a child either: "He is 17 years older than me, so perhaps he feels he has a child already."

He tells of his visit to a childrens' home in Wales. "On the second day one little boy asked if I would adopt him. He was having an awful life. His father was in prison and his mother had another boyfriend. But I just could not take on the responsibility," Mr Cook says.

Everything he has done is based on research. "It is my obsession," he says. For his first novel, *Albert's Memorial*, about a female tramp, he walked from London to St Albans. *Walter* was based on a mentally retarded man he knew, but much of the novel came from talking to a staff nurse about mental asylums.

Mr Cook has decided to base his next novel on Aids, — "I kept putting it off but I know I have to do it" — and has started Aids counselling sessions to help him understand the subject.

Along with his research he feels his training as a classical actor at Rada and ten years working in television and on the stage have been invaluable. "When I am writing a story, I read it out aloud, I pretend to be each character and I laugh at my own jokes."

His novels are almost always about people who are alone. They often have a simplistic view of the world, which carries with it their own startling insight. Bought up in a working class family in Preston, Mr Cook was an asthmatic child and missed a lot of school, leaving at 15 to work in a slipper factory.

"I have always felt like an outsider," he says. "I started this writing as a kind of therapy while I was out of work acting, and it just took over. I wanted Graham to be likeable. The man is rather prissy, a bit uptight and shy. He is not the kind of person who likes parties, but he has a great deal to give. A bit like me, really."

Second Best *will be published by Faber and Faber on September 16, price £13.99*

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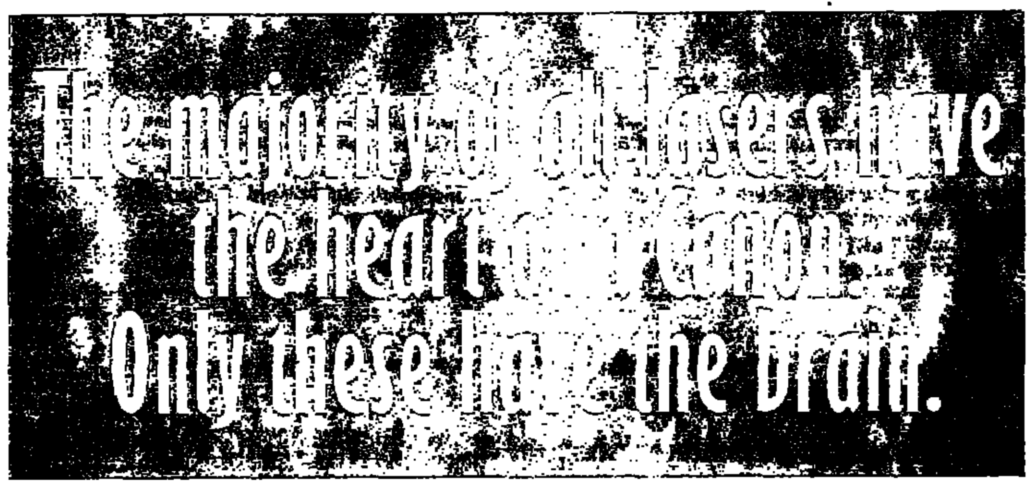
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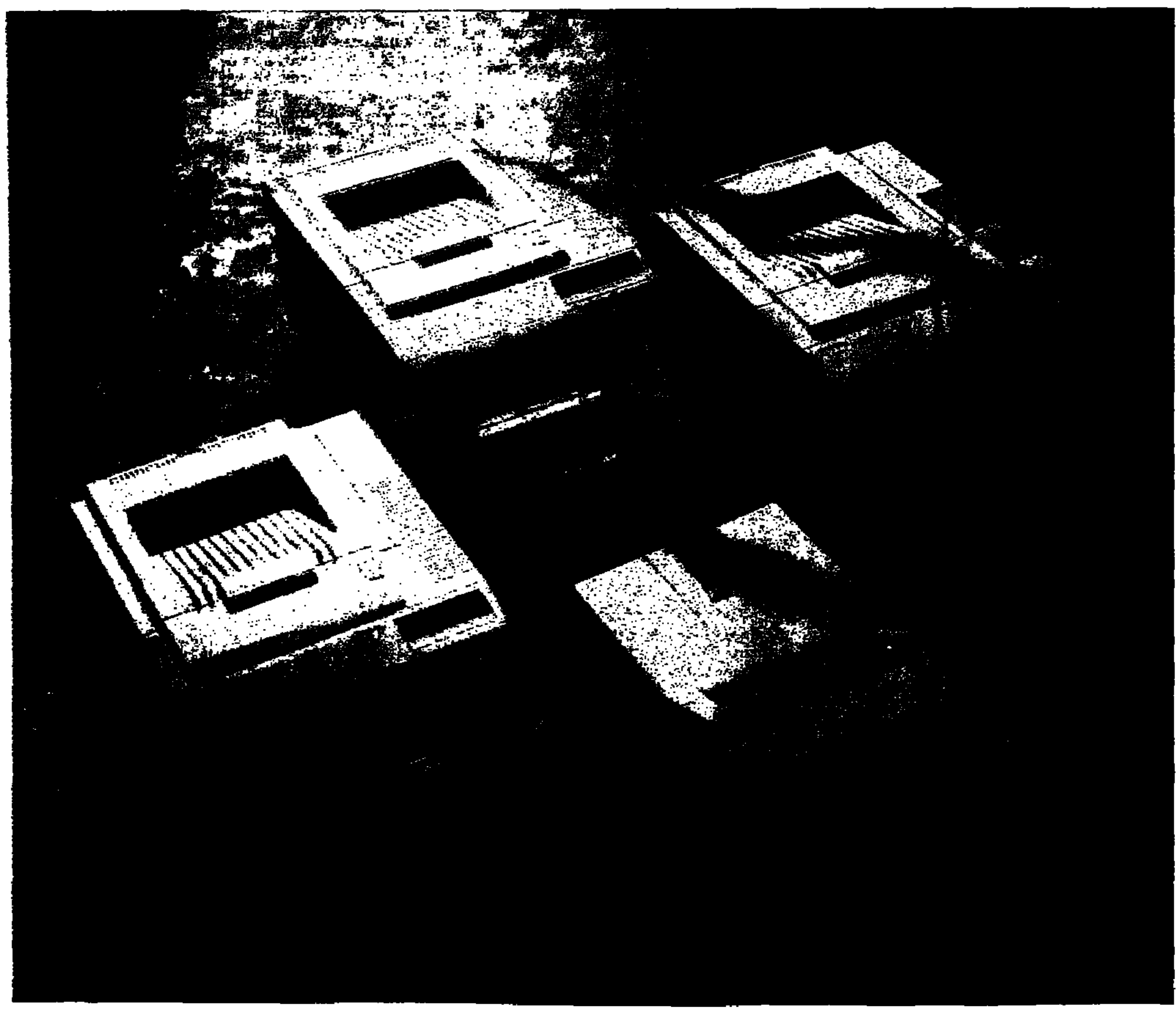

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A century of top coats

Not many brand names acquire the cachet of being in a dictionary. The word Burberry, however, is defined in Collins' as a "light good quality raincoat, esp. of gabardine". Burberrys of London certainly stands for good quality around the world, but the rest of the definition will have to be revised to take into account teddy bears, jams and jig-saw puzzles, menswear and the new Burberrys scent, Society, which is launched this month as the store celebrates its centenary.

David Quelch, the head of Burberrys retail division, is relishing his role as impresario of the time warp planned to celebrate the centenary in his showcase store at 18-22 Haymarket, central London. Commissionaires and bell-boys on the lift are being kitted out in vintage uniforms. The Victoria & Albert museum has come up with several old Burberry styles for the "heritage trail" around the three-storey shop. Customers have been asked to rummage in their attics for vintage aviators' high-buttoning coats or pivot-sleeve golfing jackets, and the old clothes will go on display from September 23.

Vintage skiing kit

Times readers are invited to celebrate Burberrys centenary in the Haymarket with a special shopping evening on Thursday September 26, from 6pm to 8pm. Every guest will receive a sample of Society, the new Burberry scent. Refreshments will be offered and *Times* tickets will qualify readers for a special draw with a trench coat as first prize. Shoppers can also take part in a draw to buy any one of the one hundred Burberry items that will be on show at 1891 prices. To apply for your invitation to the Burberry shopping evening, please write your name, address (including postcode) and telephone number on a postcard and send to: Burberrys Shopping Evening, Promotions Department, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN to arrive by no later than Wednesday, September 18, 1991. The offer is limited to 400 tickets only (one ticket admits two people) so invitations will be sent to the first applications received.

Visions of the future

OSAMU Maeda's futuristic tunics and stretch pants in metallic fabrics, Issey Miyake's coarsely woven cottons and soft knits, and the bright bouclés and tartans of Yuki Torii will be among the innovative Japanese designs at a series of fashion shows to be held at Liberty of Regent Street, London, on Thursday, September 19 at noon, 1.30pm and 5.30pm; on Friday, September 20 at 12.30pm, 1.30pm and 4pm; and on Saturday, September 21 at 11.30am, 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm. Liberty is entering into the spirit of the Japan Festival with Japanese textiles on the fabric floor, and Japanese furniture, bedlinen, glass and ceramics in stock.

Postal riches

AMERICAN cakes tend to be richer, sweeter and more fattening than their British equivalents, with many recipes beginning, "take a dozen eggs . . ". And Eilenberger's Butter Nut Baking Company of Palestine, Texas makes some of the world's richest and most fattening cakes, and posts them across the globe. This year its famous Texas Pecan cake is supplemented by a new Chocolate Pecan Cake, and a Walnut Cake in a solid loaf form. Then there are the popular Chocolate Amaretto, Australian Apple and Apricot cakes, costing from just under $15 (about £8.70) each. Or try the "World Sampler" of four different cakes for $55, plus postage. Catalogues from and orders to Eilenberger's Butter Nut Baking Company, PO Box 710, 512 N. John, Palestine, Texas 75802 (telephone 0101 903-729 2253, fax 0101 903-723 2915).

Tights fit

THE first tights containing Tactel, the gossamer "micro yarn" developed by ICI Fibres, are now in the shops. The thread, already used in some ski and active sportswear, is so fine that nine miles of the seven-denier micro yarn are required to produce a pair of tights, making the new hosiery particularly soft and comfortable to wear, and offering the sort of fit we have come to expect only from tights containing Lycra. Six leading UK brands, Aristoc, Berkshire, Charnos, Couture, Pretty Polly and Sock Shop, stock Tactel tights and stockings across the range from seven to 80 deniers. Aristoc's Ultra Soft Opaque tights retail at about £2.99, Charnos's Matt Satin opaques at £5.10, Couture's Chamois Ultra Soft Matt Suede opaque tights at £6.25, and Pretty Polly's Velvet Sheerseven deniers at £2.80.

Sales texts

UNDAUNTED by the recent death of Sebastian Walker, its founder, Walker Books, the specialist children's book publisher, is rallying with *Snap*, a new monthly magazine for children, available at newsagents from September 26. The magazine, at £1.45, will offer games, puzzles, poems and stories, as well as subtle puffs for Walker books. Will it begin to rival the long-running *Puffin Book Club*? Time will tell.

Fair attractions

THE Burghley/Remy Martin Horse Trials, which begin tomorrow at Burghley House, Stamford, Lincolnshire, usually boast the shops and stalls of a country fair, and *Country Living* magazine this year has assembled among them some of Britain's best rural craftspeople. Included will be Catriona Stewart of Argyll, whose hand-made paper boxes are decorated with watercolour country scenes, Julian Akers-Douglas, who will show how she makes clothes using traditional smocking, and the Stephenson Brothers of Ashford, Kent, who carve Victorian-style rocking horses. And Peter Horsley, owner of Conservation Building Products of Warley, West Midlands, will offer advice on the restoration of buildings.

VICTORIA McKEE

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GALLERIES: GLASGOW

A poet of the domestic scene given his say

John Russell Taylor on a touring show which offers the the opportunity to reassess Edouard Vuillard, a French painter who has been surprisingly under-rated in Britain

British taste can be very hard to gauge. At first glance **Edouard Vuillard** would seem to be much in the British line. His paintings are easy to take, pleasantly but seldom garishly colourful, and mostly concern domestic interiors, the lives of the rich and cultured, and the sort of restrained, semi-suburban landscape that Britons are most familiar with in the art of their own country.

All the same, Vuillard never seems quite to have caught on here: there are too many rather sneering references to his "intimism", as though that automatically places him in the minor league, and he has never had a major museum show all to himself in Britain.

This latter mark against him is grandly removed with the South Bank touring show now at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow, which will over the next six months go on to Sheffield and the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam. (London still remains elusive, despite the show's provenance.)

The Scottish opening is apt, since the only earlier big Vuillard show, coupled inevitably (and somewhat to his own detriment) with his contemporary and friend Bonnard, was at the Edinburgh Festival in 1948.

A case can also be made for his having found a more sympathetic audience in Scotland than in England. In Glasgow especially he was sold by Alex Reid, and was influential on a generation of Scottish Colourists: indeed, there is at least one picture in this show, *Woman in Blue Jacket* of 1915, which could easily be by Cadell or Peploe.

But this is not, finally, Vuillard's most characteristic mode. The sort of painting which will be immediately recognised as a Vuillard is likely to be a picture of a small interior space, elaborately patterned over every inch of wall and floor in sight, and frequently with occupants engaged in some everyday activity, eating and drinking, sewing, playing with children, even making up the fire.

> *'Intimate ecstasies are just as rewarding, just as valid for the painter as social statements'*

Early on they are likely to show Vuillard's own home, which he shared with his mother until he was 60, or the homes of a handful of close friends like the Natansons or the Hessels. Later his friends become grander, and the rooms become larger, but the same description applies. Vuillard is the poet of domesticity, of the good life, and tends to avert his gaze from anything too emotionally demanding and uncomfortable.

Does that mean that he is necessarily minor? Only if art is absolutely required to be harsh and unsparing. But Vuillard strongly suggests that intimate ecstasies are just as rewarding, just as valid for the painter, as strident social statements.

Some of the very earliest works in the show are a little more innovatory in their technique: especially the paintings he did at the time of his closest involvement with the semi-mystical Nabi group, in which he lays whole blocks of vibrant colour on to strongly simplified forms. The colour harmonies of *The Green Dinner* (1891) are wondrous indeed, and even ten years later, when he had more or less settled on his fluttery mature style, *Misia in the Doorway at Le Relais* shows his powers of splendid simplicity at their height.

The fact that Vuillard found himself so early, and remained so consistently true to that first understanding of himself and his powers, has sometimes been held against him. He had his ambitions, and he followed them at times with some boldness.

This show, for ease of transport no doubt, does not include any of his really large paintings, but it is worth remembering that he was by no means limited to chamber-works; he could command a whole orchestra when he wished, and some of his larger decorations, for all their obsessive, almost finicky detail, do achieve a genuinely monumental effect. Also, he was more interested in the outdoors than is generally supposed: perhaps the main revelation of this show is the section devoted to landscape.

Certainly Vuillard was not the kind of painter who ranged the world looking for extraordinary things to paint. But on the other hand, wherever he was he was as likely to look out of the window and paint what he saw there as to turn his back on it to concentrate on just how this dress-fabric matched or set off that wallpaper.

Perhaps the reason that we have been relatively hesitant in taking Vuillard to our bosoms has something to do with an unperceived residue of puritanism: his painting is so happy, so attractive, so simply enjoyable, that it cannot be quite right to give oneself over to it without caveats and conditions. But then, we have never before had such a rich and definitive show to sweep away all possible objections.

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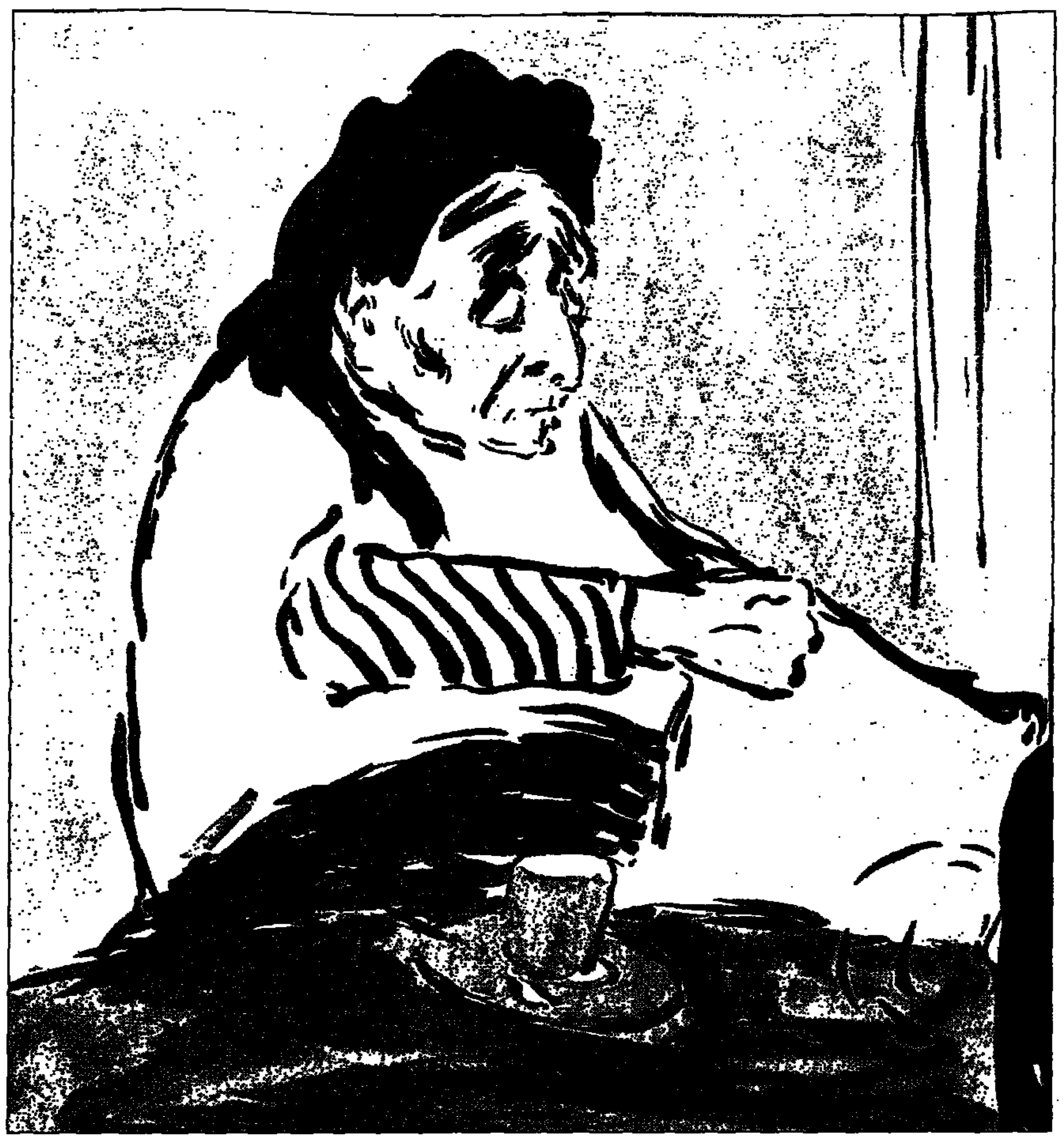

From his personal circle: *Grandmother Michaud*, a drawing in ink, brush and watercolour by Edouard Vuillard

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BRIEFING

Alec smarts

A JINX seems to follow Alec Baldwin. After the bad publicity surrounding the off-set antics during the making of his last film, *Too Hot to Handle*, the tempestuous actor appears to have lost his chance of recreating his role as CIA officer Jack Ryan in *Patriot Games*, one of two planned sequels to *The Hunt for Red October*. With months spent arguing over profit percentages, the script and a choice of director, Baldwin's bargaining power suddenly collapsed once Harrison Ford announced he was ready to take on an action movie. Enter Ford; exit Baldwin.

Kim's crowns

THE British-based choreographer Kim Brandstrup has been honoured in his native Denmark with a grant of 30,000 Danish kroner (£2,640) from the Albert Gaubier and Poul Waldroff Foundation for Dancers and Choreographers. Brandstrup received the award following a performance by Arc Dance Company in Copenhagen, where the British troupe presented the world premiere of Brandstrup's *Mysteries*, based on the legend of Count Bluebeard's castle. The work comes to the Bloomsbury Theatre on October 24.

Last chance...

THE John Constable exhibition has been one of the Tate Gallery's most successful, although the queues have not matched the elaborate preparations for them. All the same, the chance should not be missed to see in such depth the painter who vies with Turner for the title of England's greatest. Until Sunday (071-821 1313).

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Stop the giggling and keep your composure

Portraying Mozart on stage is a challenge but, as Richard McCabe tells **Martin Hoyle**, a self-education in music has been to his advantage

Portraying *Mozart*, according to Richard McCabe, *actually is* a laughing-matter. "We've got rid of the giggle," he announces. Simon Callow on stage and Tom Hulce on screen made that braying chortle into Mozart's trademark. But in Amadé's latest incarnation "we have a snigger. Far more truthful. It comes out of the man."

Subtle stuff; but to be expected from McCabe, whose truculent, Just William-type Puck in the Royal Shakespeare Company's punkish *Midsummer Night's Dream* still lingers in the memory. I first noticed him in Manchester managing the remarkable feat of stealing *Hay Fever* in the unimportant role of Simon, the son of the house. Obeying the parental injunction to be nice to the guests, he bounded across the stage towards the terrified visitors in a cross between a rugger tackle and the 45-degree libidinous lunge of Groucho Marx in priapic vein.

He had already done his first *Amadeus* (in Bolton), and the RSC season was yet to come. The cherubic face and mephistophelean eyebrows mark him out for comedy, though he resists pigeonholing. "There's a danger of repeating yourself in comedy. I've deliberately played it down since the RSC. That's why I jumped at Mozart."

McCabe has even more cause to rejoice at Compass Theatre's revival of Peter Shaffer's set of arabesques on Mozart's last ten years: the play's musical content. After studying at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, where he was "yearning to play music but uncertain what form it would take", McCabe answered an advertisement in *Melody Maker*. "I found myself in the strange world of rock. It was wonderful fun, very liberating. There isn't the barrier between performers and audience there is in the theatre. You have to grab their attention or they wander off."

When he returned to acting he continued to compose and play for shows he was in, until he realised that either music or acting was suffering and that he must choose one. But in the new *Amadeus* he combines both. "I've written a set of variations on 'Non più andrai' for myself to play. I find taped music terribly false. It's pretty obvious if someone's playing or not. I also attempt a bit of the A major piano concerto K488, a bit of *Magic Flute* . . ."

McCabe's love of Mozart is plainly genuine. "Try to listen through 18th century ears: within the confines of classical style he did extraordinary things. The Act II finale to *Figaro*, the 'Haydn' quartets: groundbreaking. The *Masonic Funeral Music* anticipates Berlioz in almost Romantic surges."

Glasgow-born, Sussex-reared, fruit of the Auld Alliance (Scots father, French mother), McCabe nevertheless had incongruous musical beginnings. "I'm self-taught. I started with the piano-accordion and rebelled against it. I could not afford piano lessons, so I gleaned everything I know from *Smallwood's Piano Tutor*."

Does he share the misgivings of some historical purists, not to mention devoted Mozartians, at Shaffer's depiction of Amadé (Mozart never called himself Amadeus) as a smutty-minded brat? "Is *Richard III* historically accurate? No, but it's a cracking good piece of theatre. If you care to read Mozart's letters, the scatological side is there. It's earthy Salzburg humour; they were all at it. The key line in the play is 'My tongue is stupid, my heart isn't'. It explains the scatological behaviour. And when he talks about art it is what you would expect from Mozart."

Inevitable comparisons between the play and Milos Forman's film leave him in no doubt. "The film looks beautiful, an evocation of the period. For me the crux, Salieri's argument with God, doesn't come over as strongly as in the play. There's something very musical about Shaffer's writing — the start of the play is like an overture, Salieri's great speeches are arias. The precision of the dialogue is lost in the film."

McCabe's knowledge of the composer has been deepened by his concerts with the Medici String Quartet. "Colin Wilson has written a playlet based on Mörike's *Mozart's Journey to Prague* and the letters. There are odd lines I think can't possibly be true, but I check the letters and they are. It's illustrated with a bit of the 'Hunt' quartet, the 'Dissonance' and *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik.*"

The actor's other great love is Shakespeare, reinforced by the communal excitement of a Stratford season and the revelation of verse-speaking, cracking the secret of the pentameter so that "you can skate along the surface: when a speech is over before it's started, it's good."

Unlike many actors, McCabe is not tempted into production. "I find the business of acting all-consuming. If I *were* to direct, it would be opera. When drama and music mesh it's stunning. And I discovered Wagner. *Die Meistersinger*: psychologically right, dramatically sound, the characters believable."

In music the Austro-German school absorbs him. "There's a wonderful sense of handing on the baton: Schubert, Schumann, Mahler, Strauss, up to Berg and Schoenberg — before I find myself scurrying back to Mozart." The new Amadeus breaks into a nervously emphatic giggle: whether his own or the character's is not quite clear. "I've got a lot to thank Mozart for."

● Amadeus *opens at the Lyceum, Sheffield (0742 769922) tomorrow and plays there until September 21. The production then goes for a week each to Nottingham (Theatre Royal), Belfast (Opera House), Cardiff (New Theatre), Canterbury (Marlowe), Brighton (Theatre Royal), Bath (Theatre Royal), Glasgow (Theatre Royal), Bradford (Alhambra) and Aberdeen (His Majesty's).*

MICHAEL POWELL

McCabe: cherubic and yet mephistophelean face

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Tribute to father-in-law

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The music of Josef Suk is not widely known, although in his lifetime he was considered the natural successor to his teacher Dvořák, whose daughter he married. The deaths of Dvořák, in 1904, and of Suk's wife (prematurely at the age of 27) 14 months later, inspired the **Asrael Symphony**, which was performed at the Proms in August and is newly recorded by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, conducted by Libor Pešek.

This is an urgent performance, totally committed to the vision of the eponymous Muslim Angel of Death which Suk plays out with a structural mastery the equal of Mahler and with scoring as lyrical and sure as that of his own teacher. Pešek seizes on the rolling rhythms and the fierce juxtapositions of mood in the fate-dominated first movement, and handles them firmly and incisively. As destiny continues to beat its drums, the second and third movements honour Tchaikovsky in their balletic fantasy and spectral march-scherzo.

The latter half of the symphony bears the greatest emotional and thematic burden: as the work ends in a feverish fight from minor to major, its distinctive profile and true stature is revealed. Suk's symphonic music can be spotted, piecemeal, on the Supraphon label, where the Czech Philharmonic has also recorded "The Ripening". This, together with "Summer Tale" and "Epilog", form part of an evolving symphonic cycle which deserves to be brought to light in performances as discerning as this.

Meanwhile, the London Symphony Orchestra has been voyaging into the known, in a new, complete **Swan Lake**, 20-bit digital technology and all. The high definition sound which is the boast of this boxed set is not everywhere matched by high-definition interpretation. The swan's dances are a little corporeal: there is simply not enough lift-off between the dark forest-world of the Prince's dreams and the pomp of his daily life.

Once inside the palace, though, Tilson Thomas comes into his own. He is a tale-teller par excellence (having a Russian grandmother surely helps) and, from the swagger with which the curtain is raised, to the parade of orchestral soloists flaunting themselves throughout the international dances, the concentration never lets up. With the thick plush of the first waltz, the slightly tipsy trumpet, the coyly-sprung bass line, a good time is clearly being had by all, at least until Mother arrives . . .

Shostakovich's **Twelfth Symphony** is hardly his masterwork. His celebration (whole-hearted, ironic, simply ambivalent?) of the events of 1917 is recreated in restrained, sepia tableaux. Neeme Järvi emphasises the seriousness of the symphony as abstract design: the most memorable moments in its four continuous movements are those of brooding reflection.

The **Hamlet** music is the cheeky suite Shostakovich made from his score for the outrageous and short-lived 1932 Moscow production, not the new music he composed for Kosintsev's 1964 film. Where the **Age of Gold** ballet music always turns up more than it promises, this *Hamlet*, even as well played as it is here, yields rather less. Compared with the genuine wit and muscle of this satirical "athletic ballet", recently rehabilitated at the Bolshoi, the Shakespeare suite wobbles perilously between the *naif* and the *faux-naif*.

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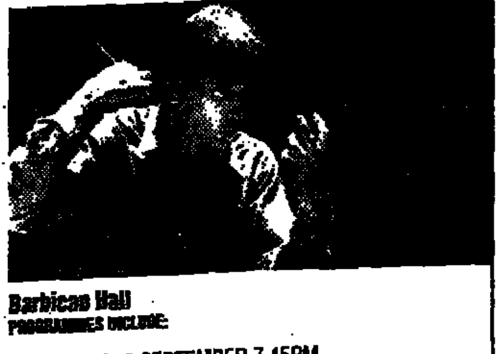

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Taking on the history men

Jonathan Clark says envy lies behind poor reviews of popular history

Something fishy is probably going on when reviewers are unanimous, either in praise or blame, and one might be moved to bristling suspicion by the chorus of contempt that has greeted the publication of *The Birth of the Modern*, the latest volume by the remarkable and prolific Paul Johnson. True, he hardly conciliated his critics by writing *Intellectuals*, a work which landed blows both above and below the belts of the North Oxford classes. But what is really at issue here? Do popular historians not perform an essential service in projecting élite culture to a wider audience? Has the intelligentsia renounced its mission to the masses and turned in on itself?

Taylor: reviled by dull and dusty scholars

If so, it is a new and momentous development. A whole school of thought among academic historians, from J.H. Plumb to Hugh Trevor-Roper, once insisted on the duty of professional historians like themselves to communicate; they condemned as crabbed or pedantic the sort of technical scholars who are not afraid of history being as hard, or important, as physics or philosophy.

These preachers of communication tended to stress the role of history as a branch of *belles lettres*. They praised fine writing (and sometimes practised it). Their icons were G.M. Trevelyan, Macaulay's great nephew, residuary legatee of the great whig tradition, and the French eulogist of material life, Fernand Braudel.

Examined more closely, however, this school of communicators was making a point about substance more than style. Their greatest wrath is reserved for the enemy within, those technical scholars who *can* communicate their results with vividness and panache, such as A.J.P. Taylor, who was lastingly resented at Oxford both by less productive scholars and by political enemies who wished his views on Bismarck and Hitler had remained locked up in learned journals. At Cambridge, a similar reception was in store for Peter Laslett, pioneer of highly technical historical demography but resented as a compelling communicator.

Herbert Butterfield, who packed the lecture halls and could command an international audience on everything from the origins of modern science to contemporary international relations, was similarly distrusted as someone too clever by half, who could be relied on to subvert other people's world view by technical scholarship.

In truth, the scholars who call for the popularising of history are engaging in a subtle academic game of their own, aimed at promoting some sorts of history and discouraging others. Like whigs down the decades, such men may be popularisers but they are not populists. Ultimately, they do not believe in the integrity or the morality of the masses into whose mouths they wish to put their words. No group of the English aristocracy was ever as condescending towards the common man as the whig patricians who passed the 1832 Reform Bill and arranged the rewriting of English history to justify it. The heirs to that tradition of historical writing are heirs to its political premises also.

A few academics reach the best-seller lists with titles that were intended as scholarly monographs, such as Paul Kennedy's *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers* and Simon Schama's *Citizens*. But these successes are like lottery prizes, unpredictably won by publishing in the right place at the right time. In general, history dons have as much difficulty reaching a wider audience as their colleagues in other disciplines.

Many scholars joined the academic profession because they had an adolescent infatuation with the institution of the university as the fulcrum with which they could move the world. How infuriating when their writings command only the tiny print runs of the ordinary historical monograph.

For every successful popular writer, ten fail and turn aside into the thickets of jargon or tightly-enclosed research projects (or, worse still, reviewing).

Meanwhile the real popularisers are hard at work, far removed from the petty squabbles of academe, read by vastly wider audiences. Arthur Bryant's life of Pepys, or his volumes on the Napoleonic wars, created a vivid image of Old England which no amount of hard data on the standard of living could ever quite match in his readers' minds. Winston Churchill's *History of the English Speaking Peoples* persuaded a generation to see the wartime transatlantic alliance as an enduring and ancient truth, rather than the temporary expedient it was.

Into this genre Paul Johnson fits. It was his misfortune to be reviewed by embittered dons rather than enthusiastic lovers of the past — dons offended that he had not deferred to their pet theories, or outraged that his politics were are not theirs. Like the best popular historians, however, Johnson has created a vivid world in which both facts and values are conveyed, a world in which strong government, transatlantic cooperation, world policemen, inventors and engineers represent the positive forces, and Demos, especially in alliance with the liberal intelligentsia, the negative. Perhaps the reviewers are so sour because the scenario is so plausible?

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Banning the media is no cure for riots on housing estates, argues **P.A.J. Waddington**

Too much tolerance is the real culprit

The search for a scapegoat to blame for the latest bout of summer rioting has resulted in the media being banned from the Meadow Well estate in North Shields. Reminiscent though this is of South African censorship of its township violence, the ban will at least spare viewers, listeners and readers the homespun idiocies of self-styled "spokesmen". Now that they are unable to play to the cameras and so inflate their paltry egos, it is just possible that their desire to hurl stones and petrol-bombs at police, fire and ambulance personnel and vehicles will abate.

The ban, however, is no more a solution to the problem than the squads of riot police. It is a palliative, justified because the situation is out of hand. To attribute to the media responsibility for this kind of disorder is to confuse the symptom with its cause. Rather than searching for a scapegoat, we need to understand why life on a housing estate can deteriorate so dramatically.

This year's disorders seem firmly to have disproved the popular belief that such disorder is the preserve of decaying inner-city areas. Though the afflicted areas this time are not the most desirable, they scarcely fit the familiar pattern of deprivation. Equally, there are areas of significant deprivation and decay that have not succumbed to periodic mass violence and disorder. So why does it happen in some places and not others?

American research commissioned by the National Institute of Justice and recently published suggests an answer which goes to the very origins of neighbourhood decline, and challenges established liberal dogma. The slide into such rampant criminality as racing stolen cars begins with the prevalence of "incivilities": rowdy behaviour by foul-mouthed and often drunken young men, litter and vandalism, packs of roaming, uncared-for dogs. Many of these signals are not criminal *per se*, but they frighten and intimidate, causing people to retreat from public places occupied by the yobs. Fear of crime is closely linked to the occurrence of such "incivilities".

The areas vacated attract minor criminals, most notably drug-dealers and prostitutes and other low-life. Seeing their neighbourhood beginning to sink, residents leave, property prices decline and council accommodation becomes more difficult to let. Legitimate businesses suffer as customers are scared off. As a neighbourhood deteriorates, so crime flourishes and a spiral of decline is begun.

For those condemned to remain, parks and other open spaces cease to be welcome amenities and become gang-territory to be avoided. People's daily lives are blighted not only by decay, disorganisation and fear for personal safety, but by continuous anxiety that their children will be enmeshed in the pervasive criminality.

Preventing such a decline, while reasonably easy and effective, does require abandonment of those liberal sentiments that enjoin us to tolerate minor misbehaviour on the part of deprived youth.

Neighbourhoods that resist the slide into the mire of crime and disorder do so because their residents refuse to allow minor misbehaviour and incivility to continue. When people drop litter, they are asked to pick it up; those who smoke in no-smoking areas are asked to extinguish their cigarettes; people who put their feet on seats are asked to remove them. Often, these interventions are made by local residents and business people, who risk verbal abuse and worse.

In public places, minor figures of authority, such as park-keepers and bus-conductors, can legitimately impose order, but such officers have largely disappeared from the scene as a result of financial cutbacks. This leaves the police, whose task it is to move on the yobs. But here the police task has been made much more difficult, as liberal apologists for yobbery have undermined the exercise of police authority, smearing it as harassment.

The mistaken idea that community policing should involve tolerating minor crime and disorder has done more than anything else to push vulnerable neighbourhoods over the brink and create the riots that call for draconian solutions. Two or three hundred petrol-bomb throwing yobs do not represent anything, and certainly not "the community".

There is nothing novel about disorderly young men. The car-stealing "hotters" of 1991 belong to a long line of "lager louts", football hooligans, "steamers" and muggers, mods and rockers, teddy boys and so on. They have always complained of being "bored", and apologists have always been on hand to excuse their behaviour as the product of alienation or some other fashionable social malaise. They will grow up. Until then they must be kept in line.

Controlling serious crime means refusing to tolerate minor disorder. Once the boundaries of acceptable conduct are overstepped in a neighbourhood, it is difficult to prevent the decline into crime, which in the worst cases justifies the riot-squad and the exclusion of the press: genuine "no-go areas". The cost of liberal tolerance of minor delinquency may be the infringement of basic civil liberties.

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Who inherits this UN seat?

As the Soviet Union dissolves itself, **Conor Cruise O'Brien** examines the threat to United Nations authority

The Soviet Union is a permanent member of the UN Security Council. Or, alternatively, the former Soviet Union *was* a permanent member of the UN Security Council. The first proposition is still the official state of affairs in international law. The second is the political reality. The two main constituent republics, the Russian Federation and the Ukraine, have jointly signed an agreement which refers to "the former Soviet Union", so the entity in question can hardly long retain a seat at the security council.

In purely formal terms, the transition should not be too hard to effect. The emerging confederation of those republics of the former Union which wish to maintain a collective existence will no doubt in due course notify the United Nations that the confederation is the successor in title to the Soviet Union and claim its seat at the security council. The independent republics will apply for admission to the General Assembly — the three new Baltic states have already done so.

The confederation will probably be accepted, though not without hesitation, as successor to the Soviet Union's security council seat. If Mikhail Gorbachev, backed by Boris Yeltsin, recommends this course, President Bush can hardly refuse, and if America approves it, the rest of the security council and the General Assembly are likely to concur.

The disappearance of the Soviet Union and its replacement by a confederation will probably weaken the security council, at least for a time. The firm and sustained consensus which the council achieved after Iraq's annexation of Kuwait and throughout the Gulf war now appears to have been the result of a transitional phase in the decline of the Soviet Union. In its weakness, the Soviet Union ceased to challenge the United States and instead wished to propitiate it. But it retained a centralised government in a position to co-ordinate policy with the United States. This made possible the unprecedented series of strong decisions which the security council handed down in the matter of the Gulf. The security council may never be so effective again.

All depends largely on whether, in the emerging confederation, the constituent republics retain the large autonomy they are claiming and which the term confederation implies. If they do, the consent of the constituent republics would presumably be required before a vote could be cast at the security council on their behalf. Under such conditions, the council would be unable to reach prompt decisions — or perhaps any decisions — at the moment of a clear threat to international peace and security. So the security council might revert to something like its previous powerlessness.

There are, however, other possibilities. The successor body to the Soviet Union may turn out to have a harder core than present conditions suggest. The constituent republics may delegate authority in foreign policy, including control of the vote in the security council, to a central authority. For the present, the central authority would be Mr Yeltsin. Mr Gorbachev might become a "constitutional" president of the confederation without real authority. He would, in practice, be Mr Yeltsin's foreign minister, and ambassador to the world.

If matters take that turn, the security council could — after an interim period of uncertainty — resume something like the role it played over the annexation of Kuwait and its sequel. We are currently living in the period of uncertainty. That is presumably why the security council has not met to consider the situation in Yugoslavia, which poses an unmistakable threat to international peace and security.

One reason why the central authority of the emerging confederation may prove stronger than expected is that, like the Soviet Union, its successor body will be a superpower, in respect of possession of nuclear weapons if in nothing else. Self-preservation requires a strong central authority in charge of those weapons, and that authority is then likely to exert itself in other ways as well.

One dire possibility is that the successor body to the Soviet Union may be tempted to use its enormous military potential for economic blackmail. If its leaders succumb to that temptation, the first evidence may be a return to confrontation at the security council. On the whole, however, a return to consensus seems rather more likely, though it may be reached more slowly than before.

In itself, security council consensus may not matter very much; after all, for most of the UN's life there has not been consensus. America, with its allies, would have handled the invasion of Kuwait in much the same way without the blessing of the security council. The UN endorsement simply made it easier for them, and more difficult for the opponents of the war, in America and among those of its allies which permit vocal opposition. President Bush, remembering that the Vietnam war lacked such endorsement, carefully sought UN approval at every stage. Consensus in the security council — though of little material significance — is an important moral factor enhancing the prestige of the United States, and consequently Mr Bush's own prestige as president. He will do everything in his power to restore it.

We must all hope he succeeds, not necessarily because success will improve his re-election chances, but because of what a breakdown in consensus would threaten. The stand-off with a stable, unified Soviet Union lasted a long time, without world disaster. Confrontation with a desperate, ruined successor-state system, threatened with internal anarchy but still in possession of nuclear weapons, is a much more frightening prospect.

...and moreover

ALAN COREN

Forgive me if today's lucubrations are more than usually disjointed. It is not that I am short of joints to connect the bits, rather that I am not too sure which bit goes where. Think of me as a small boy who has bought a Meccano set in order to build the gantry crane depicted on the lid, only to discover when he opens the box that there is no diagram of how to proceed. I am also deeply rattled, which doesn't help when hou have a lot of bits to sort out. Screws roll under the sideboard. Nuts burrow into the shagpile. Little spanners buckle.

To make matters worse, I am jotting notes on a side-pad even as I type, because new bits are turning up all the time. I have just, for example, put a query against the earlier jotting of *E lucevan le stelle*, not because I have doubts about whether Placido Domingo could sing it, but because I am not sure whether he could find Cricklewood. An even earlier jotting suggested Charlton Heston might give him a lift, but as neither is likely to know peripolitan London like the back of his hand, the pair of them might well end up wandering Hendon in the middle of the night, with their dickies wilting.

I shall scratch out both names, and substitute, let's think, Phil Collins. I seem to recall he was born just up the North Circular from here. He'll know where I am. I've no idea what his Italian's like, mind, we may have to make do with "A Groovy Kind of Love", but it's the name that counts. With Phil in the bag, I can then ring a few palaces, and if I pull, say, a Michael or two, who knows but that this might not persuade the Parachute Regiment to do a cabaret drop? Not a full formation team, of course, the garden's a titchy target and if anybody ends up in the acacia tree, bang goes the object of the exercise, but we could probably manage one small trooper, or the regimental goat.

The acacia tree. We have reached our first joint, courtesy of Mr Don Layton. Mr Layton is a tree-surgeon. Mr Layton came highly recommended, not least by a number of neighbours into whose gardens large lumps of my acacia have begun to fall. Because it is not only a very big tree, it is a very old one: it preceded house and garden, it was here before the dahlias in order stood or cucumber received its frame, it was part of the vanished wood which christened the village, it is probably the only thing in the world which knows what a crickle was. *Indeed, indeed, the tree is very much a part of our English heritage. Your Royal Highness, and, oh yes, prime minister, unquestionably endangered. do have another Twiglet, may I present Phil Collins?*

"Well, now," said Mr Layton yesterday, "we shall have to reduce the crown by 25 per cent, thin out the centre, remove potential congesting growth, inject here and here against..."

"£930" said his ball-point, after a bit.

I said nothing. I just stared at his clipboard. I wanted to ask the surgeon if the £930 included the tree-anaesthetist's fee and the tree-radiologist's bill, but when I tried to shape such questions, I found that something was sticking in my craw. It was not until well after he had left, doubtless to face-lift a wizened elm or deliver an ectopic conker, that I pulled myself together and addressed the only solution available.

If the public was ready to cough up folding money at Windsor for the white rhino and in Salisbury for the spire, why would they not flock to Cricklewood in support of a major piece of arboreal history in worse nick than either? I've paced the venue, and it will easily seat 200, an audience more than large enough for Kenneth Branagh who, I have been assured, will do his St Crispin's Day speech to two men and a dog; and as for acoustic quality, Jessye Norman can cheerfully dispense with iffy microphones, the toolshed is a natural amphitheatre now that its door has fallen off, she could probably do *Der Sommer schauert still seinem Ende entgegen* while drinking a glass of water and we'd all still manage to get the gist.

A fiver a nob would do it. I can't, I'm afraid, match Windsor's polo, but a chukka or two of French cricket might be arranged. The public will understand: we all know where charity begins, even if none of us has the faintest idea where it will end.

Bruges bruises

THE short but spectacular political career of the Bruges Group could be about to come to an abrupt end. In a surprise move which threatens the group's existence, Lord Harris of High Cross, one of the founder members, has resigned the post of chairman. The loss of such an establishment figurehead puts a question mark over the group's future.

Full-time staff have also deserted the anti-federalist group in exasperation at the headstrong leadership of Patrick Robertson, the 22-year-old secretary, who has recently grabbed the headlines for all the wrong reasons. Despite the split, Mrs Thatcher is understood to be staying on as president, and has privately described Robertson as a "very brave young man".

The split in the organisation will come as a relief to John Major in the run-up to the conferences on European monetary and political union. But Harris has no plans to withdraw from the European debate, and is planning a new anti-federalist organisation with the support of academics and politicians in London and Brussels.

"Patrick Robertson is a remarkably bright young man, but I no longer believe the Bruges Group is the right vehicle from which to conduct the debate on the huge issues that face us at Maastricht," Harris commented yesterday. "The Bruges Group contribution will be misunderstood." Harris has been embroiled in a similar row with Graham Mather, director of the Institute of Economic Affairs, which Harris founded.

Robertson, in an attempt to prevent Harris from resigning, offered to quit as secretary, but Harris refused. Some Tory MPs will surely wish that the offer had been accepted. Robertson, the party's leading *enfant terrible*, apparently offered to avoid rocking the boat further, saying that he would emigrate to America.

THE TIMES DIARY

- *When representatives of tourist boards from all over Europe descended on Manchester yesterday for a two-day symposium on tourism in cities, one delegate was conspicuously missing: the man from the host city. Manchester's head of tourism, Peter Deacon, sent his apologies to his guests, including the tourism minister, Lord Ullswater, who is in Greece enjoying a late summer holiday.*

A seat of one's own

PERHAPS Lord Spencer should have consulted Lady Elizabeth Ashcombe before selling off the treasures of Althorp House. The mistress of Sudeley Castle in the Cotswolds has also been facing difficulties in meeting the costs of a stately home. But Lady Ashcombe has hit upon a different solution: rather than selling the family heirlooms, she copies them.

Sudeley Castle Furniture reproduces everything from Lady Ashcombe's very own canopied bed to replicas of the castle's cache-pots and chairs. The furniture is produced by a joinery firm in Dursley, and hand-finished at a craft centre on the estate. "We are custodians in our lifetime of something special," says Lady Ashcombe, who declined to contemplate the alternative of selling the family home when she was widowed. The "exclusive and expensive range" can be viewed both in Gloucestershire and at Lady Ashcombe's London flat, which doubles as a showroom.

Split second of fame

CHURCHILL'S sitting took two minutes, while De Gaulle allowed him just 30 seconds. But John Major, anxious to put his best side forward, has set aside 30 minutes for Yousuf Karsh, the octogenarian photographer, for an official photograph next Monday.

Yesterday Karsh opened an exhibition of 90 pictures he has presented to the National Portrait Gallery, which has commissioned the portrait of Major. The NPG collection includes Ernest Bevin, Herbert Morrison, Bernard Shaw and the famous "bulldog" picture of Churchill. "That one is very special to me, as it launched my career," says Karsh. But photographing the British prime minister of half a century later on intrigues him just as much as any of his earlier commissions. "I have watched him closely on television and I am looking forward to it," he says. While he refuses to single out a favourite picture, his session with Brezhnev remains one of the most memorable. "Khrushchev assured me you would make me beautiful as you did Audrey Hepburn," the Soviet leader told him. Obviously the old adage about the camera never lying failed to reach the Soviet Union.

Farmed out

THE ARCHERS are venturing out of the studio and onto the stage. The everyday story of country folk is about to abandon the anonymity of the microphone for the glare of the spotlights, as five actors from the world's longest-running radio serial make their debut in a national tour with *The Ambridge Pageant*, starting later this month.

The play is written by Edward Kelsey, alias Joe Grundy, and will chart the efforts of Jack Woolley to organise a festival at the local church. Eddie Grundy, alias Trevor Harrison, will star in the show, but the prospect of working in front of an audience is causing trepidation among those who never usually venture out from behind the BBC microphone. "People think I should be short and fat," says Arnold Peters, alias the archetypal Midlands businessman Jack Woolley. In real life he is well over six feet.

- *Among the predictable potted manifestos of those seeking election to the executive of the Young Fabians next month ("I would like to help build on the committee's work of last year"), Andrew Paul Buxton's stands out. Aged 29 and a member of Amnesty International, he claims to be "the inventor of the democratisation of Eastern Europe and the dismantling of medium and short-range missiles."*

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AUTUMN IN PARIS

This week President Mitterrand has upstaged the man who invented the Fifth Republic, a presidential system which M Mitterrand used to vilify as a "permanent coup d'état". Under that same system, he has outlasted Charles de Gaulle in the Elysée. What is more, even after this 3,764-day marathon, he has a legally impregnable hold on nearly four more years in power. By the presidential elections in 1995, M Mitterrand will have chalked up more than half a century since his first ministerial appointment at the age of 28.

Yet the triumph is turning sour for France's great survivor. John Major, who sees him in Paris today, will find him ill at ease. M Mitterrand passed the politically perilous 10-year milestone last May high in the country's esteem after what the French (if not France's allies) considered a good presidential Gulf war. But the slogan with which de Gaulle was taunted in 1968 – *Dix ans, ca suffit!* – has caught up with him now.

Three out of five voters (and half the socialists polled) consider him "worn out by power" according to *L'Express*. Almost half consider him out of touch with their daily lives. Having dismissed the popular Michel Rocard and replaced him with the gaffe-prone Edith Cresson, M Mitterrand is finding it harder to take credit, as is his wont, for all domestic successes while leaving his prime minister to absorb voter discontent over immigration, urban riots and unemployment. His strategy of using the communists as a tame political prop has become an enormous electoral liability. Most voters consider the "left" an outmoded term and four-fifths are sick of both communism and the "union of the left".

The ultimate insult for a man who has rested his reputation on his foreign policy is that his grasp of international events is suddenly being derided across the political spectrum. The catalyst was his doubly misjudged handling of the coup in the Soviet Union last month, when he first appeared on television waving a letter from Gennady Yenayev and talking about "the new Soviet leaders" and then two days later insulted the public's intelligence by saying he had "always believed" the coup would fail. The storm this error provoked refuses to subside; it has encapsulated a sense that France's whole foreign policy is adrift.

The assumptions which have governed that policy collapsed two years ago when the Berlin Wall came down, Eastern Europe headed for democracy, Germany for unification and the world for the emergence of one, not two, superpowers. M Mitterrand has sought to contain the damage, ending France's no-longer so splendid aloofness from America and developing a novel enthusiasm for a federal Europe in order to contain German power. But his efforts to slow the pace, whether of German unification or of the collapse of the Soviet Union, exposed him as a man running to stand still.

In his opposition to extending European Community membership to the new East European democracies, M Mitterrand looks out of touch with reality. The Franco-German "marriage", until now the decisive factor in EC politics, is in deep trouble largely thanks to French inability to adjust to Germany's new assertiveness. Above all, the socialism for which M Mitterrand stands appears out of date to French voters, who greatly prefer the centrist social democratic politics of the man he would least like to succeed him, Michel Rocard. Unless M Mitterrand can pull off the coup of persuading Jacques Delors to take over from Mme Cresson, a currently divided right could sweep next year's local elections and the national assembly elections in 1993.

Last January, M Mitterrand confidently insulted Mr Major by failing to inform him of a French peace overture to Iraq announced only hours after they had lunched together. This week the president has more need of allies. Mr Major has an edge which he should use to persuade France to abandon its disgraceful blockage of association agreements with Eastern Europe, to be more realistic about monetary union and above all to stop sabotaging the Uruguay Round for the sake of its militant farm lobbies. But there can be few illusions about the speed of change in French policy until the Elysée has a less battleworn incumbent.

SOME WAY TO GO

As usual, an air of unreality pervades this week's Liberal Democrat conference in Bournemouth. This is not, however, the unreality of years of yore. No longer is the conference dominated by the dotty practitioners of single issue politics; Des Wilson's role today is that of leader, not agitator. Nor is this the conference whipped into unreality by David Steel's battle cry: "Prepare for government." This year's unreality has a different source: it stems from the Liberal Democrats' difficulty in taking Westminster power seriously.

The party is intrigued by federal European institutions. It is devoted to local government. It enjoys contemplating regional assemblies. But years of effective exclusion from the Westminster power game have left a certain blindness. Between utopian federalism and pavement politics lies an unfilled vacuum. It seems to want to take the politics out of policies.

In the European debate on Monday the first speaker to mention the Maastricht summit came at the end of 90 minutes of discussion. Otherwise, the common assumption of the speakers was not only that federalism is best but also that it is popular. There was scarcely any recognition of why so many in both the other parties do not want to see a substantial usurpation of the power of the Westminster parliament by European bodies. The only speech to recognise the difficulties came from Count Otto Lambsdorff, chairman of the German Free Democratic Party and president of the Liberal International. The Liberal Democrat federalist consensus could yet turn into a serious electoral liability.

Similarly, economic policy was stripped of its political content. Alan Beith, the Liberal treasury spokesman, yesterday talked of politicians as if they were alien beings of which he had had little direct experience in his 18 years in the Commons. How, he asked, will Britain get a stable economy? "Not by allowing politicians the freedom to shove interest rates up and down for their own political ends. So we propose an independent central bank, first in Britain and then eventually in Europe". He talked of limiting the power of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to "play politics with the economy". "If we want politicians to focus on the long term, we have to prevent them making a mess in the short term."

The Liberal Democrat position is reminiscent of the American school of conservative economists. Neither give a fig for traditional democratic institutions. Both groups have a preference for adherence to constitutions and firm rules on policy-making rather than allowing politicians discretion. The Liberals would prefer decisions over interest rates and monetary policy to be the province of an independent central bank, whether in London or on the Continent.

In reality, such proposals are a rejection of politics. True, the Bundesbank in Germany and the Federal Reserve in America do have a measure of such independence. But this has often exacerbated, rather than eased, tensions with the elected politicians. Deciding the level of interest rates is not a technical issue. It involves trade-offs between inflation and unemployment, between borrowers and lenders, which are essentially and unavoidably the responsibility of elected politicians. The Liberal Democrats harp on about constitutional reform, designed, they say, to make the system more democratic. If they want to be heard, they should not be advocating policies whose practical effect would be to undermine democratic accountability.

DRAMATIC LICENCE

Granada's publicity machine deserves full marks for a highly successful promotion of the drama documentary *Thatcher: The Final Days*. Whether this "faction" warrants such sensational treatment, viewers with nothing else to do may judge for themselves tonight. Granada has long been at pains to let everybody know how seriously it takes its drama documentaries, parading them proudly at licence renewal time.

Lacking a fly on the walls of Downing Street, Granada hired a journalist, Michael Prescott, to conduct interviews with 80 of the people involved. Mrs Thatcher herself would have nothing to do with it, but the material is still impressive, with one or two novel disclosures. *The Final Days* dismisses the conspiracy theory of Mrs Thatcher's fall. Bad luck on anyone who would like to see Jacques Delors, Tristan Garel-Jones, Norman Lamont or even John Major fingered.

The focus is on the victim of the coup, Mrs Thatcher, who is seen as "out of touch". Richard Maher, who wrote the script, calls it a "tragedy of hubris". Nobody comes out of it well, and that is the point. Granada's head of current affairs draws the stentorian moral: "I hope it will give [people] pause for thought as to how transfers of power take place in this country."

Spoilsports say that the drama documentary is a dubious genre, rendered more so in this case by the proximity of the events on which it purports to shed light. Granada's effort to achieve verisimilitude by taking care with details should not disguise the fact that this is still a free interpretation. Factional reconstruction may be an exciting way of popularising contemporary events. As the second rough draft of history, after newspapers, it has a place as a sort of subjournalism. But it remains a play.

The use of actors adds a serious distortion to that which already exists in the selection of events to record. The play must heighten drama to hold attention, and can therefore add mischief to distortion. This play will doubtless make Tories squirm, something of a gamble for Granada in the run up to an election and in the midst of a delicate franchise renewal process. The scriptwriter may protest that he is presenting the public with nothing but the truth: "We have done our absolute best to make sure that everything you see actually happened, and the main reason anyone would want to watch the programme is that it's true, even at the risk of being boring." But when he says he omitted all "high-level gossip", the viewer is entitled to wonder what else he omitted.

Most of Shakespeare's histories were based on little else. A pretence of objectivity can be the enemy of good theatre. Had Mr Maher, who normally writes thrillers, stopped taking himself so seriously, cut the boring bits and made the most of the gossip, the result might have been more entertaining. As for whether his play would have been more or less true, who can say? If Granada had wanted to tell us the literal truth, that would have meant waiting 30 years. Thank goodness it had more courage.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The future of water management

From the Executive Director and Secretary of the Institution of Water and Environmental Management

Sir, The government's plans for the environment agency remain surrounded in mystery and there is widespread speculation that the delay is over the future management of water supply in England and Wales. It is believed that a split in the responsibilities of the National Rivers Authority (NRA) is being considered.

The history of water management from 1948 to 1974 shows that placing responsibility for the quantity and quality aspects of water supply with different organisations does not work. A recurring complaint of the river boards (1948-63) and of the Water Resources Board (1963-74) was that it was impossible for them to carry out their tasks because they did not have control over both the qualitative and quantitative aspects of water supply.

In a report to the government in 1970 the Water Resources Board said that it could not deal competently with the problems of managing water resources because it did not have responsibility for water quality, but "water quality is a crucial factor in nearly all our work".

This view was echoed by the government's own Central Advisory Water Committee in 1971 when it said of the Water Resources Board that

> In the course of its duties it has found it necessary to take account of water quality, flood alleviation, land drainage, fisheries and recreation, all aspects of managing water resources which on a strict interpretation are outside its terms of reference.

The government got it right in 1974 when it placed responsibility for all of these tasks with the regional water authorities and it continued that sound policy in 1989 when it transferred them, in toto, to the NRA. On past evidence, to split the responsibilities now will endanger future water supplies and lose all of the benefits of integrated river-basin management.

Yours sincerely,
HOWARD EVANS,
Executive Director and Secretary,
Institution of Water and
Environmental Management,
15 John Street, WC1.
September 9.

From Professor J. H. Lawton, FRS

Sir, The government's excellent and welcome proposal to create an environment agency risks losing the good will of conservationists in the UK because it carries with it the possibility that integrated river-basin management, currently vested in the National Rivers Authority, will no longer be possible.

The proposal to place responsibility for land-drainage and flood-defence with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, for example, leaving the new agency to take care of other activities, makes nonsense of the need for an integrated approach to water management in particular, and the environment in general.

If government has not grasped so elementary a point, it would seem that either it does not understand, or it does not care about effective environmental protection in this country.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. LAWTON,
17 Course Road,
Ascot, Berkshire.
September 4.

Concern over sex education emphasis

From Mr John Kelly

Sir, The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists' report which calls for more sex education in schools (details, September 4) provides a platform for extreme views which were certainly not those of the college in 1972. It stated then that

> Practically nothing is known about the effects of sex education programmes . . . Wrongly orientated sex education could be having a result which was the exact opposite of what it was desired to achieve, in that it was arousing curiosity and the desire to experiment. The rapidly rising incidence of unplanned pregnancies in the young age group give some support to this idea.

One might argue that quite a lot is known. For over 20 years explicit sex education and freely available contraception irrespective of age or parental consent have played a huge part in pushing up the rate of teenage abortions.

As Dr Judith Bury of the Brook Advisory Centre stated in 1981: "There is overwhelming evidence, that contrary to what you might expect, the availability of contraception leads to an increase in the abortion rate." Yet Dr Bury is one of the authors of this latest report.

Surely the kind of sex education advocated has had a lengthy trial and has proved not only ineffective but harmful; certainly it is time that sex education was improved in schools. But not with some more of the same. Real responsibility for ourselves and others is not achieved by treating youngsters as "units of reproduction".

Now is the time to promote chastity before marriage as a healthy, rewarding life style. Dr Havard, secretary of the BMA, in 1983 stated that "Sexual activity in girls under the age of 16 is medically and emotionally undesirable".

I would urge the Department of Education and school governers charged with responsibility for sex education in their schools to view this report with scepticism and to consider instead wholesome and responsible resource material.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN KELLY,
18 Hintlesham Avenue,
Edgbaston, Birmingham 15.
September 6.

From Mrs Agneta Sutton

Sir, The report of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists' working party on unplanned pregnancy expressed concern about "unplanned pregnancies in the teenager" and "the lack of education in the schools on the importance of family planning and related matters".

The concern of the RCOG is reasonable. But if the royal college and those who were said to have praised and commented upon its report, namely the director of the Family Planning Association, the chief executive of the Health Education Authority, the director of the National Aids Trust and the chairman of the Birth Control Trust, are implying that sex education is primarily a matter of information about contraception and protection against sexually transmitted diseases, then it is time to object.

Surely, the main aspects of sex education are the moral and socio-psychological ones. Unless moral considerations and the dignity of the individual come first in personal relationships, sex is reduced to mere gratification. And we cannot possibly want our young to think that that is all there is to it, and that all that matters is to avoid unwanted side-effects.

Moreover, a better sex education, in the sense of a more ethically orientated one, may encourage a change in sexual mores in the direction of more self-restraint among teenagers.

Would this not be a more fundamental – and character-forming – piece of learning, as well as a more effective one in preventing unwanted pregnancy and venereal disease, than just more information about the body and physical or medical means of protection?

Yours faithfully,
AGNETA SUTTON
(Deputy Director),
The Linacre Centre for
Health Care Ethics,
60 Grove End Road,
St John's Wood, NW8.
September 4.

Shooting of academic

From Professor Michael Goldsmith

Sir, The shooting of Adrian Guelke by a Loyalist paramilitary in Belfast last Thursday (report, September 7) is a savage attack on a scholar of international repute, an insult to a department and university of high repute, and distressing for his colleagues and the discipline of political science more generally.

Many political and other social scientists at Queen's University, Belfast, and elsewhere have spent many years trying to understand the problems of Northern Ireland and to find solutions to them. Adrian Guelke is one amongst many scholars in the province who, despite the stress and strain they face, have consistently devoted themselves to academic work of the highest order on the issues facing Northern Ireland.

Is such work, so much part of legitimate academic enquiry, to be threatened by intimidation and violence? If so, then not only will Queen's University, the citizens of Belfast and Northern Ireland be the poorer, but so will political science and academic enquiry more generally.

May I, on behalf of my colleagues in the Political Studies Association, reaffirm the commitment of political science to the study of such issues like those facing Northern Ireland whilst condemning the kind of violence of which Adrian Guelke has been such an unfortunate victim.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL GOLDSMITH
(Chairman),
Political Studies Association of the
United Kingdom,
Salford University,
Department of Politics and
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September 9.

Unfamiliar names

From Mr P. J. Woodman

Sir, As one who is involved full-time with the question of rendering foreign place names, I have a considerable amount of sympathy with the views put forward somewhat robustly by Dr Sandford (British Association report, August 31) and supported in a more restrained manner by Professor Webb (September 5).

I am therefore disappointed that Dr Sandford should have chosen to include the name of this committee among his list of perceived villains. Let me reassure him, not to mention the government departments which have continued to approach us for advice since our inception in 1919, that this committee does not recommend usage of names such as Beijing and Guangzhou in English-language contexts.

We are sensitive to and supportive of the continuing usage of current English conventional names in such contexts. Nor are we alone in this philosophy: even Xinhua, the official news agency of the People's Republic of China, uses Peking and Canton as we do in English-language material.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. WOODMAN (Secretary),
Permanent Committee on
Geographical Names for British
Official Use,
c/o The Royal Geographical Society,
1 Kensington Gore, SW7.
September 9.

From Mr P. H. Nancarrow

Sir, If only your correspondents (September 5, 6) had learned to pronounce the word "Peking" properly. The romanisation used in the postal convention, which settled in 1895 on "Peking" as the standard form, was based (not unnaturally in view of the position of the French language at the time) on a system of transcription in use in France.

So "Peking" was in fact a rendering of the Mandarin pronunciation "bei-jing", as any student of Chinese who has had to use older French and other continental European text books would no doubt be able to confirm. And since the Chinese do not speak in characters, except in cartoons, they vocalise the name. And yes, in Beijing they do say "Beijing".

Yours faithfully,
PETER H. NANCARROW,
1 Oakington Road,
Girton, Cambridge.
September 6.

From Mr B. A. Young

Sir, While we are reconsidering the English versions of foreign names, should we not think of White Russia? That is what Belorussia means, and that is certainly how it used to be called.

Yours faithfully,
B. A. YOUNG,
Clyde House,
1 Station Street,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
September 5.

From Mr Steven Roberts

Sir, I couldn't agree more with Professor Webb of Dublin on foreign names. The sooner the Holyhead boats dock at Kingstown again, instead of Dun Laoghaire, the better.

Yours faithfully,
STEVEN ROBERTS,
30 Sidney Road,
Harrow, Middlesex.
September 5.

House prices

From Mrs Eileen Scott

Sir, You report (September 3) that council-tax bills may be higher than predicted because of an apparent miscalculation of average house prices. The environment department is quoted as saying: "We stand by our figures. They take into account all properties, not just those on the open market."

Does this mean that the government no longer has faith in the market as a means of determining value? Or are significant numbers of "average" houses now changing hands other than through the open market at, by implication, higher prices than they would otherwise command? If so, would someone please let me in on the secret.

Yours faithfully,
E. F. SCOTT,
3 Quince Tree Way, Hook,
Basingstoke, Hampshire.

Ice cream and VAT

From Mr Geoffrey Molloy

Sir, Unfortunately for Mars and for the whole of the ice-cream industry and its millions of consumers, all ice cream attracts VAT, contrary to your report on Jaffa cakes and VAT (August 29).

It has been an anomaly since the imposition of VAT in 1974 and, prior to that, the levy of purchase tax in 1962, that ice cream, along with a few other foods, has been singled out for what is essentially an indulgence tax.

At least the consumer can enjoy eating VAT-free Jaffa or other cakes as an alternative to biscuits. But no such option is available if he wants an ice cream: it is not legal in the UK to manufacture an alternative frozen delicacy using similar ingredients.

This is a case the VAT man cannot lose.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY MOLLOY
(Chairman),
Ice Cream Federation Limited,
1 Green Street, W1.
September 3.

Property out of reach

From Mr A. Powys-Lybbe

Sir, I was glad to read ("Stolen art traced by computer", September 3) of the six pictures having been so quickly returned to their owners.

The Banbury police have two of mine, recovered I do not know when but identified by me in April. They would not release them to me then, nor, despite repeated requests and a letter to their chief constable, have they since. They explain that they are prevented by order of the Crown Prosecution Service.

I am hoping that this service will pray for the postponement of my own release from worldly cares so that I may live to see these pictures again. I am now 82.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your
obedient servant,
ANTONY POWYS-LYBBE,
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Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

Paint box device

From Mr Roger Thornton

Sir, Whilst I would wholeheartedly agree with Peter Greenaway's assertion that the Quantel Paint Box, whereby a film director can reproduce millions of colours on a film like an oil painter, is "a development of almost infinite potential" and a "miracle device" (Saturday Review, August 24), Alan Franks is several thousands of miles wide of the mark in describing it as Japanese.

The machine Mr Greenaway used was in fact the Graphic Paintbox (Queen's Award for Technology winners listings details, April 22) – designed, developed, manufactured and everything-elsed right here in Newbury, Berkshire, by Quantel, an entirely British company.

The Japanese connection comes from the fact that the paintbox Mr Greenaway used is at NHK, the Japanese state broadcaster, one of many Quantel has exported to that country; it is indeed delightful to be part of a company that is ensuring that the British trading relationship with Japan is very far from a one-way affair.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER THORNTON,
Quantel,
Turnpike Road,
Newbury, Berkshire.
September 2.

On with the new

From Mr Michael Bennett

Sir, Your Diary (September 5) wants a new name for the old Soviet Union. Since what Mr Gorbachev and his team seem to have in mind is a Free Union of Sovereign Republics, why not call it that? The best result would be that the Russian initials of Svobodny Soyuz Suverennykh Respublik would remain the familiar Cyrillic CCCP.

Yours faithfully,
M. A. BENNETT,
7a Gresham Gardens, NW11.
September 5.

From Lord McIntosh of Haringey

Sir, Why not Eurasia – or would George Orwell have objected?

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW McINTOSH,
27 Hurst Avenue,
Highgate, N6.
September 5.

Population control

From the Director of the World Development Movement

Sir, I am encouraged by the government's contribution to the debate on the links between environment, population and development (letters, September 5). Its "issues paper" to the Geneva preparatory meeting for the UN conference is a welcome departure from the naive view that population growth is at the root of environmental degradation and that everything will be all right if enough money is invested in family planning. No amount of birth-control clinics will lead to fewer children if the economic, social and cultural reasons behind large families remain unchanged.

It is not by chance that the highest population growth rates in the world today are in poverty-stricken sub-Saharan Africa. Child mortality in sub-Saharan Africa remains stubbornly high so it makes sense for women to have lots of children to make sure that at least one son survives them in old age. (In India, it has been calculated that a couple at the level of subsistence must have an average of 6.3 children in order to have a 95 per cent certainty that just one son survives till the father is 65 years old).

Children are also an economic necessity for peasant families engaged in labour-intensive traditional agriculture. In many systems the larger the family the more land is allotted to it. The status of African women in society comes from the number of children they bear; women also often have no assets and do not inherit land so their sons are their only long-term security.

It follows that only by increasing the demand for small families – and this comes from economic and social development stimulated by an international system that helps, not hinders it – rather than emphasising exclusively the supply of family-planning services, will the catastrophes prophesied by Sir Crispin Tickell (British Association report, August 27) be averted.

If the British government is serious about addressing the population issue it should insist that the UN Conference on Environment and Development tackles the causes of environmental degradation and high fertility in the Third World.

Yours sincerely,
M. ELENA HURTADO,
Director,
World Development Movement,
25 Beehive Place, SW9.
September 10.

Long lease

From Mrs Ravy Sieber

Sir, If the US buy the Soviet Mir-2 space station (report, September 10), would it be freehold or would they have to pay ground rent?

Yours faithfully,
RAVY SIEBER,
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Highgate, N6.
September 10.

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BALMORAL CASTLE
September 10: By Command of The Queen, the Lord Cavendish of Furness (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the departure of The King and Queen of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and bade farewell to Their Majesties on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 10: The Duchess of York arrived at London Airport, Heathrow, this morning from the United States of America.

Captain Alexander Baillie-Hamilton was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 10: The Princess Royal, Past Master, The Worshipful Company of Farriers, today attended the Press Launch of the Desert Orchid Farriers Appeal in the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace.

Mrs William Nunneley was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 10: The Duke of Gloucester this morning opened Swalcliffe Tithe Barn, Swalcliffe, Oxfordshire.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Oxfordshire (Sir Ashley Ponsonby).

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester attended a luncheon and presented the National Council of Young Men's Christian Associations YMCA/TODAY Youth Awards at the Savoy Hotel, Strand, London, WC2.

In the evening Her Royal Highness, Patron, Association for All Speech Impaired Children, attended a concert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Belvedere Road, London, SE1.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 10: The Duchess of Kent, Honorary Colonel of the Yorkshire Volunteers, today visited the 1st Battalion at Lydd, Kent.

Mrs Fiona Henderson was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent was represented by Colonel the Hon John Warrender at the Memorial Service for Lieutenant-Colonel Duggie Stewart which was held at the Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh, today.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Pierre de Ronsard, poet, Vendôme, 1524/25; James Thomson, poet, author of *The Seasons*, Ednam, Roxburgh, 1700; Thomas Barnes, Editor of *The Times* 1817-41, London, 1785; O. Henry (pseudonym of William Sydney Porter), short story writer, Greenboro, North Carolina, 1862; Sir James Jeans, mathematician and astronomer, London, 1877; D.H. Lawrence, novelist, Eastwood, Notts, 1885.

DEATHS: James Harrington, political theorist, London, 1677; David Ricardo, economist, Gatcombe Park, Gloucs, 1823; Antero de Quental, poet, Porta Delgardo, Azores, 1891; Mohammed Ali Jinnah, first governor-general of Pakistan 1947-48, Karachi, 1948; Jan Christian Smuts, field marshal, prime minister of South Africa 1919-24, 1939-48, near Pretoria, 1950; Robert Service, poet and novelist, Lancieux, 1958; Nikita Khrushchev, premier of USSR 1958-64, Moscow, 1971; Salvador Allende, president of Chile 1970-73, killed during a military coup, Santiago, 1973.

Memorial service

Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Stewart

The Duke of Kent was represented by Colonel the Hon John Warrender at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Stewart held yesterday at the Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh. The Rev Charles Robertson officiated, assisted by the Rev Malcolm Truman.

Mr Bobby Stewart, son, read *If* by Rudyard Kipling, Mr Ian Stewart, son, from *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran and Mr James Stewart, son, read *Psalm 15*. Lieutenant-Colonel A.M. Sprot of Haystoun gave an address.

The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys) were represented by Lieutenant-General Sir Norman Arthur, Colonel of the Regiment.

Frank G.G. Carr

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Frank Carr, CB, CBE, will be held in the Royal Naval College Chapel, Greenwich, at 3pm, on Thursday, October 10, 1991. Applications for tickets should be made to the Secretary, the Maritime Trust, 2 Greenwich Church Street, London, SE10 9BG, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, before September 30. Tickets will be sent out after that date. Tea will be served on board *Cutty Sark* after the service.

Mr Jack Steinberg

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Jack Steinberg will be held on Thursday, October 3, at 3pm at the Central Synagogue, Great Portland Street, London, W1. For further information and tickets please telephone Mrs Shirley Farmer, Appeal Office, King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, SE5 9RS. Tel: 071 978 8894.

Royal visit

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will pay a state visit to Malta in the summer of 1992.

Birthdays today

Professor Norman Ashton, pathologist, 78; Mr Franz Beckenbauer, football manager, 46; Sir Austin Bide, former chairman, Glaxo Holdings, 76; Mrs Justice Booth, 58; Mr Paul Cole, racehorse trainer, 50; Sir Bernard Feilden, architect, 72; Mr E.A.J. George, deputy governor, Bank of England, 53; Lord Gibson-Watt, 73; Mr Michael Lambert, racehorse trainer, 47; the Earl of Leicester, 82; Mr Richard Linley, jockey, 37; Lord Marlesford, 60; Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, MP, 62; the Hon Jessica Mitford, author, 74; Mr Barry Sheene, motorcycling champion, 41; the Right Rev John Taylor, former Bishop of Winchester, 77; Mr Roger Uttley, rugby player, 42.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the 9th Congress European Society for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, will open the proceedings at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre at 10.30; and will attend a luncheon at New Scotland Yard at 12.45 with the President and members of the West End Central Senior Officers' Luncheon Club.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, will open new premises at 32 Queen Street, Haverhill, Suffolk, at 11.00; as President of the Save the Children Fund, she will visit Thompson and Morgan, Copdock, Ipswich, at noon; and attend a luncheon at Hintlesham Hall, Ipswich, at 12.50. Later, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, she will visit Nursey and Son, Upper Olland Street, Bungay, at 2.40; as Patron of the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, she will open new premises at 1 Ballygate, Beccles, at 3.50; and will attend the Suffolk Horse Society's Museum Appeal at Somerleyton Hall, Lowestoft, at 4.15.

The Duke of Gloucester will open Southgate House, the Registrars' Department of the Bank of England, Southgate Street, Gloucester, at 11.00.

Luncheon

Royal Over-Seas League

Mr Robert Newell, Director-General of the Royal Over-Seas League, received the guests at a luncheon held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's to launch the league's 1991 art exhibition.

Bed of Stone is sold for £14,000

An antique oak bed belonging to Bill Wyman of the Rolling Stones made £14,300 at Sotheby's in Billingshurst, West Sussex, yesterday (John Shaw writes).

The bed, from Wyman's mansion near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, was bought for just under the pre-sale estimate by Ray Gaffney, a London photographer. Wyman bought it from fellow Rolling Stone Mick Jagger.

Gray's Inn scholarships

Gray's Inn announces the following scholarships for 1990-91:

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS: The Arden Scholarship: Mark Hoskins (St John's, Oxford); The Atkin Scholarship: Pushpinder Saini (Corpus Christi, Oxford); The Mould Scholarship: Simon Howarth (Magdalen, Oxford); The Reid Scholarship: Helen Mountfield (Magdalen, Oxford).

INNS OF COURT STUDENTSHIPS AND PRINCE OF WALES AWARDS: Ann Bevitt (Jesus, Oxford); Jasbir Dhillon (Keble, Oxford); Richard Glossrane (Newcastle); Jonathan Herbst (Exeter, Oxford); Lucy Powis (Liverpool); Vina Shukla (Churchill, Cambridge & Brasenose, Oxford); Andrew Wales (Trinity, Cambridge).

SENIOR AWARDS
The Malcolm Hilbery Award: Christopher Amis (King's, London); The Lionel Blundell Award: Jonathan Dale (Oriel, Oxford); Kathryn Edwards (Sheffield); The Sir Roy Wilson Award: Fiona McCreath (QMC, London); The Rodney Bax Award: Mitchell Moss (Balliol, Oxford); The Weinstock Award: Simon Cooke (Fitzwilliam, Cambridge); The Ede & Ravenscroft Award: Jonathan Dale (Oriel, Oxford); The Macaskie Awards (for Bar Finals): Amanda Kay (Emmanuel, Cambridge); Vincent Moran (Clare, Cambridge); The Lady Shaw Prize: Philippa Kaufmann (Bristol); The Churchill Award: Jasbir Dhillon (Keble, Oxford).

JUNIOR AWARDS
The Birkenhead Award: Graeme Johnston (Trinity, Cambridge); The Bacon Award: Alan Maclean (University, Oxford); The Holker Awards: Judy Dawson (Christ's, Cambridge); Paula Giliker (St Hilda's, Oxford and Trinity, Cambridge); Richard Hill (Gonville & Caius, Cambridge); Nicholas Isaac (Leeds); Stephen Lucas (University, London); James Roberts (Oriel, Oxford); David Sherborne (New, Oxford). The Cynthia Terry Award: Rebecca Sabben-Clare (New, Oxford); The Holt Award: David Robinson (Southampton); The Uthwatt Award: David Quest (Trinity, Cambridge); The Moody Award: Graham Farrar (King's London); The Steen Award: Partha Pal (Jesus, Cambridge); The Albion Richardson Award: Stuart McMaster (Hertford, Oxford); The Goldie Award: Graeme McPherson (Emmanuel, Cambridge); The Wilfred Getz Award: Alan Fuller (Warwick).

Additional Junior Awards: Alexander Antelme (Exeter, Oxford); Alexander Bates (Queens', Cambridge); Rebecca Bensted (St Catherine's Cambridge); Christopher Borg (Balliol, Oxford); Benjamin Burgher (Manchester); Allison Clare (Corpus Christi, Oxford); Andrew Finlay (Manchester); Neil Hext (Bristol); Howard Jones (Emmanuel, Cambridge); Charlotte Kenny (Hull); Samantha Leek (St Hugh's, Oxford); Grace Malden (Trinity Hall, Cambridge); Katharine Peters (Gonville & Caius, Cambridge); Nicola Rushton (St John's, Cambridge); Simon Taylor (City University), Marcus Tregilgas-Davey (Southampton); Christopher Williams (St John's, Cambridge); Lana Wood (Selwyn, Cambridge); Brendan Wright (Queen's, Cambridge); Neil O'Sullivan (Liverpool Poly); Michael O'Donnell (Bristol); Sarah Pritchard (Manchester); Kathryn Skellorn (Magdalen, Oxford).

OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR RICHARD LÖWENTHAL

Professor Richard Löwenthal, revolutionary, journalist and academic, died in Berlin on August 10 aged 83. He was born in Berlin on April 15, 1908.

THE thread that linked Richard Löwenthal's three roles — Marxist revolutionary in exile, political journalist in London and senior academic in Berlin — was his burning desire to define and redefine the nature of social democracy and the ways in which it was to be distinguished from communism. "Rix" Löwenthal was born into a middle-class German-Jewish family. He studied economics and sociology at Berlin and Heidelberg in the final years of the Weimar Republic. Seeing the Nazis' defeat of the first German democracy and determined to do whatever he could to help win it back for socialism, Löwenthal joined *Neu Beginnen* (New Beginning), a Marxist group committed to the use of force to fight Hitler. The group also held that the Nazis' success had been the result of a split in the working-class and that, instead of fighting each other, communists and socialists should co-operate.

In 1935, to escape the Gestapo, Löwenthal, who by now was also using the "Aryan" pseudonym of Paul Sering, fled to Prague, where both German Social Democrats (SPD) and German Communists (KPD) had established offices.

The non-totalitarian left was finding it difficult to think of ways of taking on Nazism. The SPD had been a mass party and it still had a core of committed members. Debate raged over whether they were capable of staging an armed uprising or whether their leaders, in their safety, should concentrate on keeping up morale with propaganda predicting the imminent collapse of the Third Reich. The KPD, though smaller, was far clearer in its view that active resistance was vital, both in the immediate term and for the post-Nazi future. They were well versed in subversion. Löwenthal argued strongly that it made tactical sense for the two to pool forces. The SPD, however, (correctly as it turned out), believed that to form a united front with Stalinist Communists would mean the end of social democracy. Most but not all SPD leaders in exile agreed with this policy.

When in 1938 Hitler began to demand the Sudetenland, one reason he gave was the propaganda made by Marxists in Prague and in order to placate him the Czechoslovak authorities asked the exiles to leave. Löwenthal came to London.

Here the Foreign Office — and later other government departments — quickly saw in him not merely a reliable analyst of German affairs but also one of a group who were willing to sow unrest inside Germany's borders. He participated in both overt and covert broadcasting working closely alongside Richard Crossman and Patrick Gordon Walker. Like all wartime propagandists their work was dogged by Churchill's refusal to make concrete and hopeful offers to the German people. When the war was over Löwenthal began working for Reuters but was soon introduced to the *Observer* by Sebastian Haffner. He ended up as a leader writer on international affairs. He had by now lost his enthusiasm for a common front with communism, not least as a result of his analysis of the Soviet take-over of East Germany and Poland.

In 1961 Löwenthal took a chair in political theory and foreign policy at the Free University of Berlin. Long before his return he had played a prominent part in post-war SPD affairs urging it to broaden its electoral appeal. He supported Willy Brandt and his colleagues in their efforts to take power in the party.

When Brandt became chancellor and began to build bridges to the Soviet Union and eastern Europe Löwenthal was asked by the SPD's presidium, on which he sat, to produce party policy on relations with communism. It showed how very far he had come since 1935. His paper (adopted by the SPD in November, 1970) stated that although the SPD sought better relations with communist regimes, it would continue to oppose Communist doctrine with all the forces it could muster. Brandt was anxious that his *Ostpolitik* should be seen by the West as entirely reliable.

In 1972 he spent a year as visiting fellow of All Souls College, Oxford. In 1981 he published his *Six Theses on Social Democracy* which attempted to stem the SPD's lurch to the left. As someone who had spent a lifetime nurturing the ideals of socialism he had become convinced that to court left-wing or marginal politics would simply destroy democratic socialism itself.

In 1947 as Paul Sering he published *Jenseits des Kapitalismus* (On the Other Side of Capitalism), which became a standard text, as well as many other books and articles. He was on the editorial board of the *Neue Gesellschaft*. No run-of-the-mill German professor, he was one of the most stimulating lecturers imaginable, rarely using notes and never failing to illuminate his subject in a new way. He took British nationality in 1947 and German in 1983. He was listened to with care by all those with a concern for the decisive issues of our time.

JOHN WEST-TAYLOR

John West-Taylor, OBE, registrar of the University of York from 1960 to 1980, has died aged 67. He was born on January 25, 1924.

JOHN West-Taylor was the founding registrar of the University of York and for ten years before he took up his appointment in 1960 he had been involved in the planning of the new university. In 1950, as a young man recently graduated from Cambridge, he had been appointed secretary of the Academic Development Board of the York Civic Trust, the body formed to plan and present the case for a university to be established in York.

He had all the qualities necessary to ensure that the plans and aspirations of the trustees were co-ordinated and presented in a clear and compelling way to the University Grants Committee — intelligence, enthusiasm, energy and a sharp and critical eye for the sloppy and the second-rate. Moreover, he had a vision — inspired by Henry Morris, the founder of the Cambridgeshire Village Colleges, whom he had known at Cambridge — of the place of the arts in the life of the community that informed his whole career as a creative administrator.

He was thus the obvious choice to be secretary of the academic planning board set up by the University Grants Committee in 1960 to establish York university and, subsequently, on the appointment of Lord James of Rusholme as vice-chancellor, to be the first registrar. Eric James was a further inspiration to West-Taylor and the two worked in a close and fruitful partnership throughout the foundation and early years of the new institution. West-Taylor was essentially a creative person, happiest perhaps when involved in evolving a physical landscape that reflected his own vision.

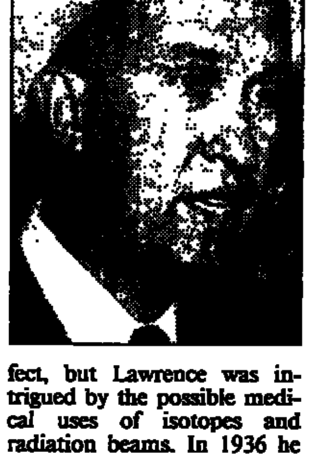
But he was also an enabler and, as registrar, he was supremely concerned to ensure that the administrative staff were both involved in the academic community and responsive to its needs. His qualities as an administrator were unquestioned. What made him so special to those who worked with him were his qualities of friendship, his loyalty to his colleagues, his humour, his lack of pomposity and the originality of his mind.

He was also, despite his many talents, extremely modest and when in 1975 he told his colleagues in the registry that he had been appointed OBE he seemed somewhat embarrassed and claimed that it must be taken as an honour for them all. In 1989 he was awarded an honorary doctorate of the University of York.

He leaves a widow, Catherine, and a daughter and two sons.

JOHN LAWRENCE

John H. Lawrence, who discovered the dangers of nuclear radiation and went on to become a pioneer in the field of nuclear medicine, died on September 7 at Berkeley, California, aged 87. He was born at Canton, South Dakota, on January 7, 1904.



ALTHOUGH John Lawrence never achieved the fame of his late elder brother Ernest, a Nobel laureate physicist who invented the cyclotron, his achievements in his own speciality were no less distinguished. It was through collaboration with his brother, then director of the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, that he made his seminal discovery in 1935. Working with Dr Paul Aebersold, Lawrence conducted the first biomedical experiments with the then mysterious new products of the cyclotron, and found that neutrons had a destructive effect on tissue that was five times greater than X-rays.

Others were to use this knowledge to devastating effect, but Lawrence was intrigued by the possible medical uses of isotopes and radiation beams. In 1936 he joined the University of California and founded the Donner Laboratory at Berkeley, the first in the world to be devoted to nuclear medicine.

There, his experiments bore quick results. In 1937 he used phosphorous-32 isotopes to treat polycythemia vera, a disorder of the bone marrow, and two years later began treating cancer with neutron beams. Several other diseases, including acromegaly and Cushing's disease, were also found to yield to treatment by beams from the cyclotron.

During the second world war Lawrence was active in aviation medicine for the Office of Scientific Research and Development and the War Department. In 1953 he flew to Yugoslavia to treat Aloysius Cardinal Stepinac, then held under house arrest by the Communist regime. Two years later Lawrence was a delegate to the Geneva conference on the peaceful uses of atomic energy and in 1983 was presented with the Enrico Fermi Award for his "pioneering work and continuing leadership in nuclear medicine." He was also honoured by the Society of Nuclear Medicine, of which he was a former president.

A political conservative, Lawrence was appointed in 1970 to the California Board of Regents, the ultimate governing body of the state university system, by the then governor, Ronald Reagan. He served on the board until 1983. John Lawrence came from an academic family, though its antecedents were immigrant Norwegian homesteaders in Minnesota. His father taught Latin, his mother mathematics, and several other relatives were also teachers.

After graduating from Harvard Medical School, where he gained his MD in 1930 at the age of 26, Lawrence became an instructor in medicine at Yale university. It was there that he first developed his interest in radiation, studying its effects on the pituitary gland. Together with Dr Harvey Cushing, he was responsible for experiments that established oestrogen as the first chemical found to help protect against the harmful effects of radiation.

Lawrence was widowed in 1967. He is survived by three sons and one daughter.

BRAD DAVIS

Brad Davis, stage, film and television actor, died of an Aids-related infection at his home in California on September 8 aged 41. He was born in Tallahassee, Florida, on November 6, 1949.

BRAD Davis will be best remembered by British audiences for his portrayal of the American runner Jackson Scholz in the film *Chariots of Fire*.

Davis apparently contracted Aids through intravenous drug use some years ago. Though he and his wife Susan, a Los Angeles casting director, had known that he was HIV positive since 1985, they had kept the fact a secret. It was in 1985 that Brad Davis played the starring role in *The Normal Heart* by Larry Kramer, a highly praised off-Broadway stage production, later seen in London, which created a sensation by placing the spotlight on the private and public fall-out of the Aids epidemic at a time when the subject was little discussed.

Davis began his stage career at 17, when he won a musical talent contest in his home town of Tallahassee, Florida. He moved to Atlanta, Georgia, acting in several stage plays before making his New York stage debut in *Crystal and Fox*.

Brad Davis's first starring role on screen came in 1978 with Alan Parker's violent film *Midnight Express*. His portrayal of Billy, the young hashish smuggler in a brutal Turkish prison, won him a Golden Globe award for the best new actor. In 1980 Davis again starred in *A Small Circle of Friends*, and the following year gave an outstanding performance in David Puttnam's Oscar-winning *Chariots of Fire*. His later roles included the title part of a young sailor in *Querelle*, the last film directed by Rainer Werner Fassbinder, *Heart and Cold Steel*. Last year he won praise as the eccentric pilot husband of a shoplifting wife in the film *Rosalie Goes Shopping*.

Despite his illness, Davis continued to perform in television productions, playing Robert Kennedy in a seven-hour mini-series of the same name. He completed his last acting assignment in *A Habitation of Dragons* three months ago.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Alexandra.

Marriages

**Mr P.P. Davies
and Miss H.J. Macaree**

The marriage took place on Friday, September 6, at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, of Paul Porter Davies, son of Mr and Mrs Derrick Davies, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, to Miss Helen Julia Macaree, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Terry Macaree, of Clapham, London. Father Jim Duffy officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Louise Sneddon, Veronica Johnson and Ligia Doxford. Mr Mark Carney and Mr Oliver Goodwin were best men.

The reception was held at Pinewood Studios and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

**Mr J.B. Henderson
and Miss A.E.M. Fisher**

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 7, at St Leonard's Church, Beaumont-cum-Moze, Essex, between Mr James Brodie Henderson, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ian Henderson, and Miss Alexandra Fisher, daughter of Mr and Mrs Benjamin Fisher. The Rev Gerald Reddington and the Very Rev Peter Cryan, ODC, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Esther Bellamy, Graf Friedrich Bernsdorf, Isabella Blyth Currie, Valentina Russo and Clare Walton. Mr Colin Ziegler was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr M.A.P. Ashworth
and Miss K.G. Spain**

The engagement is announced between Miles, eldest son of Mr Piers Ashworth, QC, of Sulham, Berkshire, and Mrs John Scholes, of Tredington, Warwickshire, and Kathryn, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Tom Spain, of Tauranga, New Zealand.

**Mr C.M.F. Bray
and Miss E.J. Moncrieff**

The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Mr Michael Bray, of Couloume-Mondebat, France, and Mrs Victoria Bray, of Loxwood, Sussex, and Elspeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alastair Moncrieff, of Old Bosham, Sussex.

**Mr A.D. Clifton
and Miss M. Hertzum**

The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Clifton, of Malvern, Worcestershire, and Mette, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Kristian Hertzum, of Hayes, Kent.

**Mr P.M. Constantinidi
and Miss H.J. Litchfield**

The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs George Constantinidi, and Hannah, elder daughter of District Judge and Mrs Brian Litchfield, of London, W1.

**Mr R.M. Everall
and Miss L.J. Bothway**

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the late Mr P.R. Everall, and Mrs B. Everall, of Upper Astley, Shropshire, and Lucy, eldest daughter of Mr C.H. Bothway, of Colton, Norfolk, and Mrs N. Cranston, of Wymondham, Norfolk.

**Mr P.D. Haines
and Miss P.A. Graham**

The forthcoming marriage is announced between Paul Dominic Haines, son of Professor and Mrs M. Haines, of London, and Pauline Anne Graham, elder daughter of Colonel T. Graham and Mrs A. Graham, of Fleet, Hampshire. The marriage will take place at 12.00 on Saturday, September 21, 1991, in St John's College Chapel, Cambridge.

**Mr R.J. Hardy
and Miss S.J. Jones**

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mrs Brenda Hardy and the late Mr Ernest Hardy, of Haywards Heath, West Sussex, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. Jones, of Adelaide, Australia.

**Mr R.E. Hodges
and Mlle E. Rogez**

The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Major-General and Mrs R.J. Hodges, of Fulham, London, and Emmanuelle, only daughter of M and Mme Jean-Marc Rogez, of Magnanville, France.

**Mr T.D. Jackman
and Miss C.J. Tyrer**

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Jackman, of Woodthorpe, Nottingham, and Clare, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Tyrer, of Aughton, Ormskirk, Lancashire.

**Professor H. James
and Miss M.A. Kowalik**

The engagement is announced between Harold, son of Dr and Mrs Leslie James, of Cambridge, and Marzenna Anna, only daughter of Mr Jozef Kowalik, of Ruda Slaska, Poland, and Mrs Danuta Kowalik-Zagrabska, of Torun, Poland.

**E.J.H. Lennox of that Ilk
and Miss A.K. Gordon**

The engagement is announced between Edward, only son of the late Denis Lennox, of Bayton, Worcestershire, and of Mrs Jane Lennox, of Adforton, Shropshire, and Amanda, eldest daughter of Mr Ian Gordon, of Crumpsall, Manchester, and of Mrs Geoffrey Hopton, of Kinnersley, Herefordshire.

**Mr N.C. Lewers
and Miss P.J. Priddle**

The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs D.H. Lewers, of Sheepscombe, Gloucestershire, and Pamela, daughter of Mr J.E. Priddle and the late Mrs P. Priddle, of Venezuela.

**Mr S.S. Macdonald
and Miss A.J. Younie**

The engagement is announced between Shaun, second son of Mr and Mrs Angus Macdonald, of Torgorm, Conon Bridge, Ross-shire, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Younie, of Grange Road, Edinburgh.

**Captain A.T. Steven
and Miss J.P. Beasley**

The engagement is announced between Captain Anthony Steven, 13/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own), youngest son of the late Mr Geoffrey Steven and of Mrs Robert Hallaway, of Moorhouse Hill, Southwaite, Carlisle, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Beasley, of Bewdley, Worcestershire.

**Mr P.A.T. Watt
and Miss J.J. Rawlinson**

The engagement is announced between Todd, son of the late Captain Harry Watt, and of Mrs Harry Watt, of Carrablagh, County Donegal, and Joanna, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Rawlinson, of Stody, Norfolk.

School news

St Leonards and St Katharines Schools, St Andrews, Fife

Term began on Tuesday, September 3. The new Upper Sixth House, designed by Robert Steedman, is now in use and the day girls have moved into St Nicholas House. The Head Girl is Mary-Ann Etiebet and the Captain of School is Charlotte Dalrymple. An Open Day for parents of prospective pupils for St Katharines will be held on Monday, October 7, and for prospective St Leonards pupils on Tuesday, October 8. Interested parents are asked to contact the school if they wish to attend. Music scholarships have been awarded to Miranda Scott-Barrett (St Leonards) and Katy Philip (St Margaret's, Aberdeen). Scholarship examinations for entry into the lower sixth and for entry at 12+ and 13+ in 1992 will be held on November 9. The closing date for applications is October 14. Further details may be obtained from the Admissions Tutor. The St Leonards Recital Choir, who have recently returned from a tour to Salzburg, will sing in Hexham Abbey on Saturday, September 14. The Sixth Form lecture programme began with a lecture by Professor Martin Kemp on picture restoration with special reference to Leonardo's "The Last Supper" and Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel. Future lectures include Mr Matthew Rea talking about wave power; Dr Lyn Riddett, communities which lose their memory; Professor Paul Wilkinson, international terrorism; Professor Robert Morris, psychic powers; Mr Nicholas Ross, Canaletto and the Grand Tour. There will be a Challenge of Europe Conference on November 20. Term ends with a Carol Service in Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday, December 11.

Dauntsey's School

The Old Dauntseians' Annual Dinner will be held at Mercers' Hall on October 3. Those wishing to attend should immediately contact T.J.R. Illingworth on 0206 564032.

Edgehill College, Bideford, Devon

Autumn Term begins today. The Head Girl is Rebecca Hemmings, with Penelope Redfern and Susan Wood as her Deputies. The Reunion for former pupils living in the Bristol area will be held on Saturday, October 12. Prize Day will be held on Friday, October 25. Open Days for Prospective Parents will be held on October 10 and 19. Term ends on Wednesday, December 11, with the Carol Service at 2.30 pm.

St George's School, Ascot

Boarders returned to St George's School, Ascot, for the Autumn Term on September 3, with Alexandra Patient as Head Girl. Confirmation will take place on November 9, conducted by the Bishop of Reading. Term ends with the Carol Service on December 14, at 2.00pm in Windsor Parish Church.

Tallow Chandlers Company

Mr Robert Evans, CBE, Chairman, British Gas plc and Mr Robert Horton, Chairman, The British Petroleum Company plc, were admitted as Honorary Freemen of the Tallow Chandlers Company at the Court Meeting on September 10, 1991. Sir Peter Cazalet, the Master presided at these Admissions, which mark the links between British Gas, British Petroleum and the Tallow Chandlers Company.

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In past ages God has allowed all nations to go their own way; and yet he has not left you without some clue to his nature, in the benefits he bestows.
Acts of the Apostles 14:16,17 REB

BIRTHS

ALREFAE - On September 4th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Ahmed and Maha, a son, Faisal.

BAIRD - On August 21st, to Nicky and Andrew, a son, Duncan Edward Andrew, a brother for Natasha.

BAKER - On September 7th, at the QE2 Hospital, Welwyn Garden City, to Pippa (née Williams) and Peter, a son, Charles Theodore.

BROOKE - On September 10th to Katharine, wife of Francis, a son.

CAMPBELL - On September 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Louise (née Knowles) and Robin, a son, Maximilian Alexander Knowles.

DIXEY - On September 6th, in Bristol, to Annabel (née Rose) and Ian, a son, Jack.

DOUGLAS - On September 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Margaret (née Shearer) and Philip, a daughter, Philippa Amy Laura.

DULWICH - On September 6th, to Linda (née King) and Jeff, a son, Jack Michael.

DUTHIE - On September 7th, in New York, to Gré (née Dilkes) and Nicholas, a daughter, Georgina Gré.

GALITZINE - On September 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Lora (née Papayanni) and Geoffrey, a daughter, Alexia Kristiana.

HICKLING - On August 27th, to Aileen (née Patterson) and Christopher, a daughter, Sarah Rachel, a sister for Claire and Eleanor.

MARSHALL - On September 9th, to Sally Ann (née Scott Ram) and Graeme, a son, Frederick, a brother for Helen and Isobel.

MURRAY - On September 9th, at The Portland Hospital, to Jackie (née Preston) and Grant, a daughter, Olivia Jane.

PLAYFORD-DENMAN - On September 1st, at The Portland Hospital, to Heather and Colin, a son, Myles.

POLLITT - On September 9th, to Jacqueline (née Kerr) and Robert, a son, Nicholas James. A precious grandchild for James and Vera Kerr and James and Mary Pollitt.

PRESCOT - On September 9th 1991, to Susie and her husband Colin, a daughter, Pollyanna Heather Lettice. Archie's new sister.

ROBERTSON - On September 5th at BMH Rinteln, to Sarah (née Mitchell-Innes) and Henry, a daughter, Katrina Rose Innes.

ROBERSON - On September 5th, at The Portland Hospital, to Sid and Suzi, Nathaniel, brother to Hannah, Charlie & Florence.

SEDGWICK - On September 7th, to Catharine (née Donovan) and Tom, a daughter, Emma Frances.

SIMON - On September 3rd, to Barbara (née Hughes) and Leslie, at the Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, a daughter, Angharad Lucy Elizabeth, a sister for Sarah Clare, Daniel and Alexander.

SIMONS - On September 8th, at The Portland Hospital, to Anne-Therese (née Eyston) and Edward, a daughter, Jordana Alice, a sister to Benjamin and Jade.

SWIFT - On September 6th, at The Portland Hospital, to Rebekah (née Johnston) and Anthony, a son, Douglas William Graham, a brother for Robert and Edward.

MARRIAGES

BRANSCOMBE:WALTON - On August 2nd at Hitchin, Julian, son of Professor & Mrs Peter Branscombe, of St Andrews, Fife and Verity, daughter of Mr & Mrs Peter Walton, of Rabley Heath, Hertfordshire.

OSBORN:BURCH - The marriage took place on Saturday September 7th 1991 at Winchester between Tony Graham Osborn and Charlotte Emma Burch.

DEATHS

DAVIES - On September 7th, peacefully in Panama, Leon. If you wish to get in touch, please call Hilary Figge (re: Davies) 010 507 64 79 52. He will be sadly missed.

DE SINÇAY - On Friday September 6th, peacefully at the Goldsborough Nursing Home, 40-42 Ladbroke Road, London W11, Eliane Calley Saint-Paul, aged 80. Requiem Mass and cremation have taken place.

DEATHS

CUMMING - On September 9th, peacefully in hospital, Robert Laudon, aged 86 years. Beloved husband of Audrey, father of Rosemary and Caroline, grandfather of Dominic and Thomas. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Sunninghill, on Monday September 16th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to The British Diabetic Association c/o E. Sargeant & Son, 61 St Leonard's Road, Windsor, SL4 3BX.

DICKSON - On September 8th peacefully at Warminster, Ursula Mary, aged 92, eldest daughter of Dr. & Mrs T.H. Dickson, sister of Audrey, Jean and Arthur. Service at St Denys (the Minster) Warminster, 3 pm Friday September 13th. No flowers. Donations to British Rheumatoid and Arthritis Association.

EVANS - On Wednesday September 4th, peacefully, Ken, O.B.E., M.A. Former Town Clerk of Kampala, Uganda. Loving husband of the late Alice Louisa Evans. Funeral Service to take place at Enfield Crematorium on Friday September 13th at 1.45 pm. Donations to British Heart Foundation. Sadly missed by his children, grandchildren and sisters.

GRANT - On September 9th, peacefully at Ropley, after an illness cheerfully and robustly fought, Maj. Gen. Chips (Ferris Nelson) CB BA Royal Marines, aged 74. Dearly loved husband of Mary and of the late Patricia. Dearest father of Anne and Alastair and proud grandfather of Hugo, Rebecca and Lydia. Much loved by his stepchildren and their families. Funeral at Ropley Parish Church on September 14th at 11 am. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held there at midday Saturday October 19th. Donations, if desired, to the Marie Curie Nurses Fund.

GRANT - On September 7th 1991, in hospital after a long illness, Joan, beloved wife of Dennis and mother of Jonathan and Colin. Funeral Service will take place at Vinters Park Crematorium, Maidstone, Kent, on Friday September 13th at 3 pm. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to The Maidstone Hospice Appeal c/o Pickard and Beale, 11 Brewer Street, Maidstone.

HOY - On September 9th, peacefully at Claremont Hospital, Sheffield, Brenda, dear widow of Donald and beloved daughter of Christie-Ina Armstrong. Funeral Service at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium, Sheffield, on Friday September 13th at 9.30 am. Family flowers only please but donations for Weston Park Cancer Research Trust may be sent to John Heath & Sons, Funeral Directors, 14 Earsham Street, Sheffield.

LARKEY - On September 6th 1991, Blair Kenneth Larkey, O.B.E., F.C.I.S., dearly loved husband of Olive, father of Suzanne, Robin and Joanna and grandfather of Nicholas and Oliver. 'In God's Safe Keeping'. Private family funeral. No flowers but donations, if desired, can be sent direct to the Cancer Research Campaign.

MARTIN - On Sunday September 8th, suddenly at home, Joan Marguerite Frances Martin MBE (née Sopper), widow of Major George Martin, sister of John, dear aunt of Alex, Jane and Maggie. Requiem Mass at St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Cirencester on Thursday September 12th at 1:45 pm, followed by cremation at 3.30 pm at Cheltenham. Rest in Peace.

McFADYEAN - On September 8th 1991, Dorothea Emily, widow of Sir Andrew McFadyean, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, peacefully in her 103rd year at home. Funeral at 11 am on Monday 16th at Rosslyn Hill Chapel, Hampstead, NW3, followed by private cremation. Flowers to R.P. Sherry, 25 Bell Street, NW1.

MEISNER - On Monday September 9th 1991, in Fontainebleau, France, Joseph William, aged 78. Much loved husband, father, grandfather and brother.

MELTON - On September 6th 1991, suddenly, William Leonard, of Mayfield, Sussex. For many years Master at Trent College. Greatly loved husband of Molly. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Help the Aged, c/o Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough, tel: (0892) 656000.

DEATHS

PAPWORTH - On September 9th, peacefully at the great age of 105 years, Edith, darling mother of Dudley and the late Howard. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium on Friday, September 13th at 11.30 am.

PEREGRINE - On Saturday September 7th 1991, Edgar Phillips 'Peri' of Kelshall, Royston, Herts. Funeral Service on Friday September 20th at 2.30 pm at Kelshall Parish Church, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations gratefully accepted for Addenbrookes Hospital Cancer Research Fund c/o S. Newling & Son Funeral Directors, 122 Mill Road, Royston, Herts. SG8 7AJ.

REIDY - On September 10th, peacefully, Joseph Patrick (Pete) F.R.C.S. Apothecary, Freeman of the City of London, late of Stoke Mandeville, Westminster and London Hospitals, of Earls Colne, Essex. Beloved husband of Freda, dearly loved father of Joanne, Susan and Elizabeth, stepfather to Caroline, Geraldine and Alison and grandfather. Funeral at St Francis of Assisi, Colchester Road, Halstead, on Thursday September 19th at 2 pm. No flowers, donations to Friends of Halstead Hospital, Essex. Memorial Service to be arranged later in London.

RICHARDSON - On September 10th, with spirit, Robert Booth, beloved father of Brigid.

SAINSBURY - On September 7th, peacefully in Meadow View Nursing Home, Richard Eric, of Blenheim Drive, Oxford, much loved husband of Margaret and father of Mark. Funeral Service on Thursday September 12th at 11.45 am, Oxford Crematorium, Bayswater Road, Headington, Oxford. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to: Alzheimers Disease Society (Research Fund), 158 Balham High Road, SW12 9BN.

STEELE-PERKINS - On Sunday September 8th 1991, peacefully, Mary, aged 73, beloved wife of the late Surgeon Commander Jan Steele-Perkins R.N. O.B.E., and mother of Gillian, Vanessa, Susan and Jane. Private cremation. Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Easebourne, Midhurst, at 11am on Tuesday September 17th. Please no flowers, donations if desired to Friends of King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, West Sussex.

STEWART - On September 10th, peacefully at Penrice Hospital, St Austell, Cornwall, Jane Nicholson (Sheina), aged 91 years, devoted wife of the late Dr. W.L. Stewart, much loved mother of Ann and Catherine, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Creed Church, Grampound, on Thursday September 12th at 3 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if wished, to CARE, Penrice Hospital.

STOKES - On September 7th, at Ramsey, Isle of Man, Barbara (Barbie) Stokes, formerly of Tettenhall and Sloane Street. In her 82nd year, after a short illness. Much loved wife of Rendell, mother of Sally, Charles and Ginni and grandmother to Samantha, Sharon, Rendell, Giles and Sophie. Greatly missed by all. Memorial Service at St Paul's Church, Ramsey, on Thursday September 12th at noon. Flowers to Queen's Court, Ramsey, Isle of Man.

THORNE - On Sunday September 8th, suddenly but peacefully at home, Andrew (Sandy) Thorne, beloved husband of Joscelyne, devoted father and grandfather. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Michael's Church, Mickleham, nr. Dorking, at 2.30 pm on Tuesday September 17th. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham SE21.

WADDY - On September 7th, after a courageous struggle against increasing infirmity, Joyce Mary Waddy. Service at Chorleywood Free Church at 2 pm on September 16th, followed by interment at Chorleywood Cemetery. No flowers please. Enquiries to (0494) 763273.

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WARDLE - On September 8th, peacefully, Stephen Wardle, Musician, of Putney. Service at 1 pm, St Anne's Church, St Anne's Hill, Wandsworth SW18 and afterwards at Putney Vale Crematorium. No flowers by request, donations to The Broderip Ward Fund, Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer Street, W1, would be greatly appreciated by his family.

WOODWARD - On September 7th 1991, Geoffrey Royston, aged 70, of Petersfield, Former Under Secretary Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Husband of Doreen and father of David, Martin and Stephen. Service at Chichester Crematorium on Friday September 13th at 3pm. Family flowers only, donations to Barnardo's, Tanners Lane, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex IG6 1QG.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

BRADFORD HILL - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Sir Austin Bradford Hill FRS, will be held at St Clement Danes Church, Strand, London WC2, on Friday October 4th at 12 noon.

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HANSON - Invitations to a Eucharist in celebration of the life of Anthony Tyrrell Hanson on September 25th at 3.30 pm at St Mary's, Leake, N. Yorks (A19).

LUSTY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir Robert Lusty will be held at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, on Wednesday October 2nd at 11.45 am.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace., (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Wednesday, the 11th day of September, 1991 at 3.00 pm for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 27th day
of August 1991
J. LASKY
Director

EDIT 142 LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace., (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Thursday, the 26th day of September, 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors
Dated the 3rd day
of September 1991
DAVID DE WILDE
Director

GRAPHIC CORPORATION (INTERNATIONAL) LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD, on Friday the 13th day of September 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD are appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
DATED THE 4TH DAY
OF MARCH 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
F. B. WIMBURY
DIRECTOR

H. M. T. SUPPLIES LIMITED
Company No. 2585634
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 I, Robin Arthur Ellis, licensed insolvency practitioner, hereby give notice that on September 9, 1991 I was appointed liquidator of the above-named company by its members and creditors.
Dated this 9th day
of September 1991
Robin A. Ellis
of R A. Ellis & Co.,
2 The Elms, Church Road,
Claygate, Surrey KT10 0JT.

HYDE PRODUCTION ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Tuesday 17th September 1991 at 12 o'clock noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act

Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
DATED THIS 4TH DAY
OF SEPTEMBER 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
M WINTERBOTTOM
(DIRECTOR)

INGLEWOOD PROPERTIES LIMITED
FLUSCO PENRITH, CUMBRIA

The Company has approved a payment out of capital for the purchase of its own shares.

The permissible capital payment is £230,165 and the special resolution is dated 13th September 1991.

The Directors statutory declaration and the auditors report are available for inspection at the company's registered office

Any creditor of the company may, within 5 weeks of the resolution, apply to the court under section 57 of the Act for an order prohibiting the payment.

IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF
SWIFTS TARPAULINS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 13th September 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Terence John Roper, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require
DATED this 30th day
of August 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
ROYSTON JOHN BEAUMONT
DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of appointment
of liquidator
voluntary winding up
(Members or Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109
of the Insolvency Act 1986

Company Number: 2115764. Name of company: REDISTRUT LIMITED. Nature of business: WHOLESALER OF SUPPORTS & FIXING. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: SPECTRUM HOUSE, 20 - 26 CURSITOR STREET, LONDON EC4A 1HY. Liquidators name and address: PETER GEORGE MILLS, 1 RIDING HOUSE STREET, LONDON W1A 3AS. Office holder number: 7948. Date of appointment: 3 SEPTEMBER 1991. By whom appointed: CREDITORS. Date: 6-9-91. PJ Mills Liquidator

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver.
HI-LITE SIGNS (SOUTHERN) LIMITED
Registered No. 02404789. Trading Name: Hi-Lite Signs (Southern) Limited. Nature of Business: Sign Manufacturers and Installation. Trade Classification: 11. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 3rd September 1991. Name of Person Appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: A.R. Bloom and W. R. Taron (Office Holder Nos: 6462 and 6711). Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU and Ernst & Young, P O Box 3, Lowgate House, Lowgate, Hull HU1 1JJ.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ORDER
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In the matter of
Wiston Hall (Estates) Limited
Registered No: 1697568. Nature of business: Property development and investment. Trade Classification: 38. Administration Order made on 14th day of August 1991. Joint Administrators: Edward Klempka and Michael J Moore.

Number of Company 2115764
The Companies Act 1985
COMPANY LIMITED
BY SHARES
EXTRAORDINARY
RESOLUTION
REDISTRUT LIMITED
Passed 3 September 1991

At an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company, duly convened, and held at No 1 Riding House Street W1A 3AS on 3 September 1991, the following EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION was duly passed, viz.

THAT it has been proved to the satisfaction of this meeting that the Company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business and that it is advisable to wind up the same and, accordingly, that the Company be wound up voluntarily and that PETER GEORGE MILLS of Smith & Williamson, No. 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding up.
C. PETTITT
Director

RULE 4.106 OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
HYPERTEC LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, the undersigned Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co., Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Hypertec Limited by a Resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on 30th August 1991.
Dated this 30th day
of August 1991
Nigel John Hamilton-Smith
Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
SHOWAN ENGINEERING LIMITED
(In Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Showan Engineering Limited will be held at Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX on the 27th day of September 1991 at 10.00 o'clock in the morning. The Receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.

A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the administrative receivers at Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.

Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the administrative receiver if possible before the meeting. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 10th day
of September 1991
M D Gercke
Joint Administrative Receiver

THOR CHEMICALS LIMITED
MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr Edwin David Stanley Kirker, Chartered Accountant of Messrs Pannell Kerr Forster, New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 27 August 1991.
Dated this 4 day
of September 1991
E D S Kirker - Liquidator

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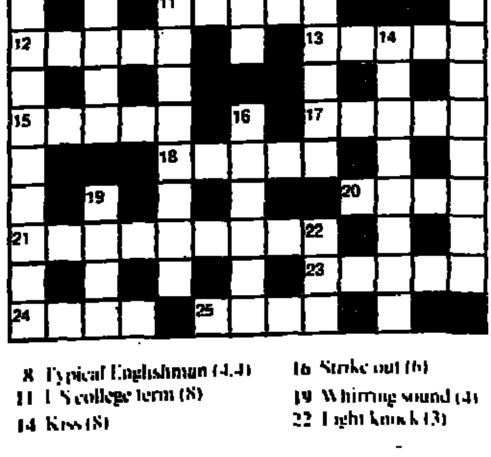

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Lord Fisher (1841-1920) was an amalgam of genius, arrogance and conceit. Outstanding among his achievements were improvements in naval training and the introduction of the Dreadnought battleship.

LORD FISHER ON THE NAVY.

(By Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fisher.)

"DON'T PRESCRIBE UNTIL YOU ARE CALLED IN"

The above words were spoken to me by that eminent physician and dear friend of mine, Sir Bertrand Dawson, when one day I explained to him that my rule in life in case of big affairs was never to have a confidant ... And I said much more to him of current events and the personalities I would have to deal with which is totally unfit for publication. The sawdust would run out of many reputations were I to do so, and it is not my purpose now to agitate anybody. I concluded my remarks to him with an extract from, I believe, the most celebrated speech made by Mr Burke in the House of Commons — he said: "I have no faith in any scheme of war in which the *execution* is divorced from the *plan*."

So it was in the stormy years from 1902 to 1910. Admiral Sir Robert Arbuthnot, who met a glorious but not a justifiable death at the Battle of Jutland, left a sealed letter to be given to me by his wife in case he was killed. He was my Flag Captain when I was the Admiral at Portsmouth. The time is May, 1903. He describes in this letter a remarkably unpleasant interview he had with me, and apparently I told him to obey orders and not argue ...

What I indicated to Admiral Sir Robert Arbuthnot at that interview in 1903 was also consummated when Admiral Mahan, years after, and not so very long before the war, wrote an article in the *Scientific American*, that the world had suddenly discovered that 88 per cent of the guns of the British Navy were trained on Germany. Does anyone in his senses believe that the weak-kneed people and opportunists who, as a rule, have governed the British nation without the courage of a louse or the *backbone of a slug*, had they known the plan, would have permitted its execution? To train 88 per cent of the guns of the British Navy on Germany and make the North Sea (or, as the German Emperor liked to call it, the German Ocean) into its regular cruising ground? "Your battle ground should be your drill ground," said Nelson.

Each Admiral thought he was being humiliated by his ships being taken away a few at a time and brought home. Some of them mutinied and ought to have been shot, but we only shoot a poor devil like Byng who had no friends — all the same, I am glad Byng was shot, otherwise we should not have had Voltaire's "pour encourager les autres." What I think is one of the fearful things of the late war is that we had no Admirals or Generals shot — we only promoted them ...

Consequently, when this very morning (September 4, 1919) I am asked to give my plan for reducing the Navy Estimates from 140 millions to 34 millions — the figure that we had in 1904 when I was First Sea Lord and the Scapa Flow Fleet began to build — I answer in the immortal words of Mr Burke: "I will not give my *plan* unless I have the *execution* of it."

What the public don't realize is that even the half of the Navy that is not obsolete is equal to all the navies of the world put together, in its efficiency. Born fools count ships; wise men reckon the ability of the crews. The most efficient ship in the world doesn't count if it is inefficiently manned and commanded. It is our sailors and officers who are the cream of the world, and it is absolutely true what Nelson said — that one British sailor was equal to any three others. If some congenital idiot imagines that I should cease all shipbuilding, well, he is the stupid ass that he was born. I have beliefs — some beliefs have to be like Resurrection, they require Faith — our stupid people do not believe in the internal combustion engine, or in oil. I have faith in both ...

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

BATHROOM INTIMACIES: Jaime Humberto Hermosillo's provocative, amusing look at a Mexican household from a privileged position behind the bathroom mirror. As part of the London Latin-American Film Festival (running until September 19).
Metro (071-437 0757).

CLOSE MY EYES (18): Sexual games between brother and sister one long hot London summer, vividly portrayed by writer-director Stephen Poliakoff and an excellent cast (Saskia Reeves, Clive Owen, Alan Rickman).
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743).

JUNGLE FEVER (18): Surly, overloaded Spike Lee film about inter-racial relationships, with striking moments among the turmoil. Starring Wesley Snipes, Annabella Sciorra.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520).

◆ **OSCAR (PG):** Sylvester Stallone attempts boulevard farce as a Prohibition gangster trying to go straight. Amusing around the edges, dead in the centre. With Vincent Spano, Peter Riegert. Director, John Landis.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Chelsea (071-352 5096) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

TETSUO: THE IRON MAN (18): Japanese office worker turns into metal monster. Hideous bio-mechanical engineering fantasy that makes David Cronenberg look like Enid Blyton.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

WELCOME HOME ROXY CARMICHAEL (12): Winona Ryder as a misfit teenager who believes a returning celebrity may be her mother. Botched mix of small-town satire and coming-of-age drama.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

CURRENT

DIVA (15): Jean-Jacques Beineix's 1982 hit about opera, bootleg recordings and the Paris underworld, revived in a new print; a hugely influential exercise in visual chic.
Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

◆ **EDWARD SCISSORHANDS (PG):** Tim Burton's captivating fantasy about a boy with scissors for hands at large in American suburbia. With Johnny Depp, Dianne Wiest, Winona Ryder.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

◆ **THE NAKED GUN 2½ — THE SMELL OF FEAR (12):** Leslie Nielsen returns as accident-prone Lt Frank Drebin. Riotous dead-pan comedy. Directed by David Zucker.
Cannon Baker Street (071-935 9772) Empire (071-497 9999) Plaza (071-497 9999).

◆ **NEW JACK CITY (18):** Flashy visual trappings cloak an old-hat plot about a drug baron's rise and fall. With Wesley Snipes, rap singer Ice-T; directed by actor Mario Van Peebles.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Whiteleys (071-792 3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

PARIS TROUT (18): Dennis Hopper's redneck Southern racist stands accused of murder. Powerful, atmospheric drama from Pete Dexter's novel. With Barbara Hershey, Ed Harris; director, Stephen Gyllenhaal.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Curzon West End (071-439 4805)

◆ **PROSPERO'S BOOKS (15):** Peter Greenaway's variation on *The Tempest*, with John Gielgud's Prospero stalking Shakespeare's text through a jungle of eye-popping images. Brilliant but exhausting.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

◆ **SOAPDISH (12):** Shallow, boisterous parody of America's soap operas, with good moments. Starring Sally Field, Kevin Kline, Robert Downey Jr, Elisabeth Shue. Director, Michael Hoffman.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

◆ **TERMINATOR 2: JUDGMENT DAY (15):** Good robot Arnold Schwarzenegger battles bad robot Robert Patrick. A fine showpiece for special effects, but the humans get short shrift. Director, James Cameron; with Linda Hamilton.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

◆ **THELMA & LOUISE (15):** Distaff road movie with Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon fleeing through the American South-West. Bracing adventure from director Ridley Scott.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY (PG): Grieving Juliet Stevenson wills her late boyfriend (Alan Rickman) back to life. Endearingly humane drama; a directing debut for playwright Anthony Minghella.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

YOUNG SOUL REBELS (18): Seductively shot but unwieldy stew of soul music, murder mystery, racial and sexual politics, set in Jubilee Britain, 1977. A first mainstream feature for director Isaac Julien.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Metro (071-437 0757).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
☒ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BLUE NIGHT IN THE HEART OF THE WEST:** Naive Scot poleaxed by aberrant love in Iowa. James Stock's brisk, bizarre comedy; splendid acting.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. 165mins.

☐ **BRAND:** Roy Marsden in dour Ibsen drama set in a dark fiord.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 180mins.

☐ **THE CARETAKER:** Donald Pleasence in Pinter's classic tussle between a tramp and two brothers.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☐ **CARMEN JONES:** Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA:** New cast takes over in Brian Friel's Olivier memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER:** Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☐ **HEDDA GABLER:** Fiona Shaw outstanding as Ibsen's spirited, doomed heroine in powerful Dublin Abbey Theatre production.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 210mins.

☐ **THE GENTLEMAN FROM OLMEDO:** Tragi-comedy by Lope de Vega: awkward plot but amazing set.
Gate, Prince Albert Pub, Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. 130mins.

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE MISER:** Charles Kay, Eleanor Bron in needlessly dour production by Steven Pimlott.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 165mins.

☐ **NAPOLI MILIONARIA:** Ian McKellen a striking figure in Eduardo de Filippo's richly textured, end-of-war drama.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat today, 2.15pm. 175mins.

☐ **OUR TOWN:** Under-powered production of Thornton Wilder's play on small-town America.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE PHILANTHROPIST:** Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ **70, GIRLS, 70:** Irresistible Dora Bryan leads the cast of apparent 70-year-olds in a genial Kander & Ebb musical.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins.

☐ **TANGO AT THE END OF WINTER:** Alan Rickman troubled by memories in decorative but hollow Ninagawa drama.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

☐ **TRAVELLING TALES:** John Sessions in sprightly, mind-hopping show based on his television series, *Tall Tales*.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.45pm. 120mins.

☒ **A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS:** Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

☐ **WHEN SHE DANCED:** Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ☐ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) ☒ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☒ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

TURNER'S RIVERS OF EUROPE: A new show dedicated to Turner's tours of the Middle Rhine and the rivers Meuse and Mosel. It includes several early examples (1817) of his famous series of Rhine watercolours and an important series of small gouaches on blue paper depicting the Meuse and Mosel, completed in the 1830s. More than 60 brilliantly coloured gouaches have been dated and placed in sequence.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-821 7128). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, until January 1992.

SCOTTISH BALLET: The company moves to Inverness performing its strong, contrasting triple bill: Robert North's modern, athletic *Troy Game* for a group of eight male dancers features alongside the company's excellent revival of André Prokovsky's *Vespri*, set to Verdi's ballet music from *The Sicilian Vespers*, and George Balanchine's jazzy syncopation, *Concerto Barocco*. Highly recommended.
Eden Court Theatre, Bishops Road, Inverness (0463 221718), 7.15pm.

DIRE STRAITS: To judge by the fervour that accompanied the rock supergroup's concerts in Birmingham last week, success seeems assured after an absence of five years. The group's reputation for sleek live performance and gloss-perfect music, both live and recorded, lives on.
Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow (041-248 3000), 8pm.

CURSE OF THE STARVING CLASS: The Royal Shakespeare Company stages a play by leading American playwright Sam Shepard. Reflecting Shepard's fascination with Country and Western life, the play tells the story of an American family living in a harsh society out West. Susan Fleetwood features in a cast directed by Hampstead Theatre director Robin Lefevre; designs by Kenny Miller. Opening night.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7pm.

LA BOHEME: Opening night of English National Opera's restaging of the original production by Jean-Claude Auvray. Puccini's passionate tale, set in the Latin Quarter of Thirties Paris, is directed by Julia Hollander, with Joseph Evan as Rudolph opposite Vivian Tierney's Mimi. A strong supporting cast includes Alan Opie and Lesley Garrett. Italian Guido Ajmone-Marsan, who makes his debut with the company, conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm.

AUTOGEDDON: *Whale Nation* writer Heathcote Williams gives a National Platform talk on his new campaigning narrative, *Autogeddon*, about the devastation wrought by the motor car.
Olivier Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252), 6pm.

JONATHAN BURROWS GROUP: *Stoics*, Jonathan Burrows's latest choreographic piece, has been growing over the past year or so in performances at The Place and elsewhere. The completed work is a series of incidents in which the dancers (all from the Royal Ballet) explore a world of anguish and impotence, and is set to snatches of Mendelssohn, Strauss and Curley Putnam. The production is on tour until November 1.
South Hill Park Arts Centre, Ringmead, Bracknell, Berkshire (0344 427272), 8pm.

POOLE PROMS: The Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and Chorus under the baton of Orwain Arwel Hughes open this year's Proms performing Wagner (*Tannhauser Overture*), Vaughan Williams (*Serenade to Music*), Ravel (*La Valse*) and Prokofiev (extracts from *Alexander Nevsky*). The season continues until September 21.
Poole Arts Centre, Kingland Road, Poole (0202 685222), 7.30pm.

German flash of frivolity

THEATRE

The Knickers
Lyric, Hammersmith

MARILYN KINGWILL

Driven to rage by his wife's public imprudence: Philip Whitchurch berates his neighbour, Marcia Warren

WHO ever said the Germans have no sense of humour? For two-thirds of its length at least, Carl Sternheim's 1911 play is as grotesquely and deliriously funny a piece of comic invention as you could find anywhere in 20th century drama, and it is marvellously well done here under Phil Young's direction. If the salacious title (which initially caused the play to be banned by the Prussian censor) suggests some Teutonic Brian Rix farce or *No Sex Please, We're German*, that is far wide off the mark; Sternheim makes use of sex not for embarrassed laughter but to make ribald fun of a whole society.

The trouble starts when Luise Maske, the downtrodden, pretty wife of a boorish civil servant, inadvertently drops the eponymous articles during a military parade. She is spotted by a dashing young poet, Scarron, who immediately repairs to the Maske residence (superbly eccentric, crazily raked set by David Burrows) where two rooms happen to be for rent. It looks, at first, as if most of the laughter is going to be directed at Maske himself, in Philip Whitchurch's splendid, Fawlty-esque performance a straining-necked bully driven to paroxysms of jealous shame by his wife's *faux pas*. Luise's dormant sexuality (Caroline Langrishe subtly conveys a mixture of mousiness and allure) seems on the verge of explosive awakening, abetted by her plain neighbour (a marvellous study in vicarious romanticism from Marcia Warren) who sets about playing Celestina to Frau Maske's Madame Bovary.

But Sternheim has other ideas. First Mandelstam, a weak-chested, Wagner-loving barber, appears on the scene, also attracted by the flash of falling lingerie. Maske, spotting a born victim tailor-made for domination (and Jewish as well), rents him the second room and Mandelstam devotes himself to frustrating the romance between Luise and Scarron. Adrian Schiller's Mandelstam is another delicious comic performance, a sidling, tousle-headed combination of Charlie Chaplin, Egon Schiele and Gollum, whose idea of romance is reading extracts from *The Flying Dutchman*.

But the character who attracts the most derision is Scarron, who, when poised for conquest, breaks into overheated lyric effusions spiced with Nietzsche, and seems more interested in going down to the pub with Maske than seducing his wife. Maske himself has the last laugh, but in turning the tables so neatly Sternheim leaves himself with nowhere to go in the last half-hour (and some loose ends to do with female sexuality unfashionably dangling). Still, that is a small price to pay for a great belly-laugh of a play by a writer who holds nothing sacred.

HARRY EYRES

THEATRE

The Pool of Bethesda
Orange Tree, Richmond

AT THE centre of Allan Cubitt's new play is a man dying. No getting away from that seemingly bleak fact, and playgoers discouraged by such a prospect may already have let their eyes drift sideways to something cheerier. As a fledgling critic I sometimes held back from mentioning that an admirable play just happened to refer to, well, you know, no longer being exactly alive. But nobody was fooled as nothing was gained, and Cubitt, author of *Winter Darkness*, a fine and moving play about torture in Northern Ireland, knows what risks are included in a play that makes the Great Unmentionable its core concern.

Daniel Pearce is a youngish doctor at Bart's, the hospital where Hogarth's attempt at a painting in the grand manner, *The Pool of Bethesda*, still hangs above the Great Staircase. Pearce is married, to a wife unfaithful to him, and is played by Mick Ford with all his capacity for portraying a decent, aghast, humane being sensitive to the coded signals in other people's language and gesture.

The onset of a tumour in the brain rocks his sense of reality so that he imagines himself to be a doctor in Hogarth's time, asked by the painter to pose as Christ. Almost entirely set in a Hogarthian world, through which the dreaming Pearce moves with his modern trousers topped by Christ's robes, the first act ingeniously confronts different values but has the form of an exercise. Cubitt gives few details here of the actual Pearce, and while a sense of being adrift is apt for the theme, it works against understanding of what is going on.

Returning to the 1990s for the second half, Pearce discovers that his Hogarth is a Polish porter at the hospital, a man with his own clear-eyed view upon the world. Duologues for these two, powerfully written, help the dying man express part of his complex of feelings. Both these and the scenes with his colleague Kate (Katharine Rogers) set the tear ducts working — not so much at the thought of a man dying as at the sight of relationships becoming truthful.

Susan Hogg's direction measures the pace and pitch in these scenes admirably; less so with some other voices on this open stage. Two fleeting incidents stay sharply in the mind: the contrast in boxing styles when Pearce is defeated by the 18th century Figg (Ian Mercer), England's first Champion Boxer, and Ford's sudden change of voice when surprised by a whore's trick. Dream, confusion, aesthetics are abruptly crossed by curiosity — "How do you do that?" — before the whirlpool bears him away again.

JEREMY KINGSTON

PROM

Dresden Staatskapelle
Albert Hall/Radio 3

LIKE Jimmy Porter in *Look Back in Anger*, conductors today must feel that "there aren't any good brave causes left". Not, at least, when it comes to digging out dusty masterpieces that posterity has chosen to ignore. Most neglected music is neglected with good reason.

Yet still there is a *frisson* of anticipation when a fine conductor and orchestra set out boldly to resuscitate some forgotten score. Great performers spend far too much time replaying the same classics. In two superb Proms, the Dresden Staatskapelle under Sir Colin Davis had showed how subtly and silkily they could play Mendelssohn, Beethoven and the rest. Now came the real test: could they sell Max Reger's 1907 *Variations and Fugue on a Merry Theme By Johann Adam Hiller*?

Monster title; monster music. Hiller's theme is indeed merry, and short too, but for 45 minutes Reger twists and turns it through every musical process — lurid or simpering, raucous or rancid — known to the Late Romantic mind. This is music so bloated that it makes Richard Strauss's *Alpine Symphony* seem more like a molehill sonata. After 11 variations, it ends with a fugue that probably contains more notes than all 48 fugues in Bach's *Well-Tempered Clavier* put together.

Throughout the work, moreover, Reger exhibits an almost pathological hatred of staying in the same key or orchestral colouring for more than a few seconds. This is a long piece designed for people with short attention spans.

Yet the monster could be enjoyed on its own terms. It has an endearing kind of crazy extremism: one moment offering lush, limpid string writing, fey to the point of mummification; the next, marshalling full brass to hammer out some rambunctious, vulgar march rhythm. Just when the listener expects some dauntingly contrapuntal movement to end in a mighty climax, Reger abruptly finishes with a bizarre little cadence on nothing except a harp. Conversely, when he seems in danger of rising momentarily to the nobility of a Brahms or Elgar purple patch, he debunks himself with a grotesque trombone passage that sounds as if a Bavarian marching band has become trapped in a cathedral organ.

Given that this is a piece no listener would want to hear more than once (and that might be once too many for those of delicate tastes), the performance was all that one could desire: superbly warm in its sonorities, admirably prepared and as cogent as Reger's eccentricity allowed.

RICHARD MORRISON

THEATRE

The Playboy of the Western World
Citizens, Glasgow

IN THE 21 seasons at the Citizens, Giles Havergal has consistently demonstrated both his mastery of an impressive range of production styles and his continuing capacity to confound audience expectations. In the first play of the new season, J.M. Synge's *The Playboy of The Western World*, Havergal plays what must be one of the last hands left to him and gives us an alarmingly straightforward production.

Julian McGowan's set could almost have been designed for the Abbey in the days of its mania for hyper-realism: there are bleached wood settles, tables and chairs, straw on the floor, stone bottles on the shelves, and dirty white-washed walls rise up to a hole in the ceiling. When the play begins, some of the characters have whitened faces and an Expressionist *Playboy* seems to be on the cards, but as the evening progresses it becomes clear that Havergal has chosen to concentrate on Synge's remarkable use of language.

The playwright's extravagant ironic phrases and cadences are distilled from Gaelic into English and the cast relish his writing, savouring every word and rolling them round their tongues like wine. Happily, the dividends yielded by comprehensibility outweigh any loss of dramatic taste. This is particularly true in the final frantic act which Havergal gives an edge of menace, preventing it from becoming a saccharine and charming picture of Irish peasant life.

Central to Havergal's view of the play is Charon Bourke's tough, gritty, Pegeen Mike, a woman of great spirit who sees her only escape from a small community through the playboy. Bourke's astringency is balanced by Patrick O'Kane's gangling playboy, beginning as a stuttering caricature but ending with an awkward dignity as he goes off reconciled to the father he thought he had killed.

The rest of the cast present accurate character studies, from Ray Callaghan's comic Michael James to Anne Myatt's self-seeking Widow Quin and Patrick Hannaway's brittle Old Mahon. Particularly effective are the four young girls, played not as sweet colleens but as shy country girls. In this faithful and thoughtful production, *Playboy* emerges fresh and new.

ALASDAIR CAMERON

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WORD-WATCHING

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DIADOCHI

(c) The generals who became monarchs of the various kingdoms (Syria, Egypt, etc.) into which the empire of Alexander the Great split after his death (323 BC), so introducing the Alexandrian Age, from the Greek *diadochos* a successor: "The interests of these diadochi: Antigonus, Ptolemy, Seleucus, Lysimachus."

DEWITT

(a) To kill by mob violence, to lynch in a populist manner without the formality of the law, from the fate of Jan and Cornelius De Witt in Holland in 1672: "It's a wonder the English Nation have not in their fury dewitted some of those men."

ROUTH

(c) Abundance, plenty, of obscure origin: "An unfavourable impression, which requires more hospitality and routh to remove than should be gone into in a manse."

PLAGIUM

(c) Kidnapping, from the Latin word for the netting of game: "Now they commit the offence called plagium, that is to say, manstealing."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

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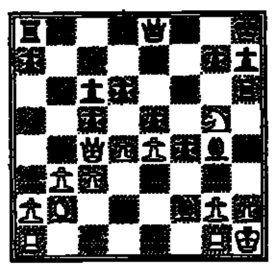

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax

6.30 BBC Breakfast News begins with *Business Breakfast*. At **6.55** Nicholas Witchell *and Laurie* Mayer present news and topical reports with regular business, sport, weather, regional news and travel bulletins

9.05 Perfect Strangers. American comedy series **9.30 Farrell in Pursuit Of . . .** Nigel Farrell goes in search of people thirsting for fame including an octogenarian who believes that it is never too late to make it in showbusiness (r)

10.00 News, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays 10.25 Stoppit and Tidyup.** Cartoon series *narrated by Terry Wogan (r)* **10.35 Raggedy Ann and Andy.** Adventures of two mischievous rag dolls

11.00 News, regional *news and weather* ***11.05 High Chaparral.*** Vintage western series. Manolito is the victim of a case of mistaken identity and is arrested on charges of murder and robbery (r) **11.55 Reviving Antiques.** John FitzMaurice Mills with advice on cleaning asphaltum

12.00 News, regional news and weather **12.05 The Garden Party,** *presented* by Paul Coia, Debbie Greenwood and Denis Tuohy. Today's guests at Glasgow's Botanic Gardens are Keith Floyd and actor Kenneth Branagh who discusses his *new film Dead Again* **12.55** Regional news and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News and weather

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) **1.50 Four Square.** *Knockout quiz game* hosted by John Sachs (s)

2.15 Knots Landing. West coast spin off from *Dallas* **3.05 Pot Black** introduced by Eamonn Holmes. *Today* the former world champion Steve Davis takes on Martin Clark

3.30 Tom and Jerry Triple Bill. Cartoons **3.50 Paddington Peas.** Cartoon (r) **3.55 Radio Roo.** Episode two of the five-part children's comedy (r) (s) **4.10 Heathcliffe with Cats and Co.** Cartoon (r) **4.35 Hartbeat.** The first in a new series of inventive ideas on the *art of picture-making*, presented by Tony Hart and Gabrielle Bradshaw. (Ceefax)

5.00 Newsround 5.05 Byker Grove. Episode 15 of the 20-part *children's drama* set in and around a youth club in *north-east* England (r). (Ceefax)

5.30 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with *Anna Ford* and *Andrew Harvey*. Weather

6.30 Regional news magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours

Lenny Henry: reveals his true identity on Wogan (7.00pm)

7.00 Wogan with Gloria Hunniford. *Tonight's* guests include comedian and actor Lenny Henry whose new film *True Identity* goes on general release on Friday, Sunnie Mann, wife of hostage *Jackie* Mann, and pop group Simply Red

7.30 Bergerac: There For the Picking. A repeat of the feature length episode screened last Boxing Day. Jersey Jim has settled in *France* with his *girlfriend Danielle*, but still keeps in touch with his former colleagues on Jersey who have discovered a cache of grenades hidden in a cargo of Scotch whisky. They have found a French connection and seek Jim's help. He also becomes involved in electronic frauds perpetrated by two young British grape pickers; and a dodgy business deal of Charlie Hungerford's. Starring John Nettles, Terence Alexander, Therese Liotard and Kenneth Cranham (r). (Ceefax) (s)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News *with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news* and weather

9.30 Sportsnight. The return of the sports magazine presented by *Desmond Lynam. Boxing: live coverage of the WBC light* heavyweight world title fight between the holder, Dennis Andries, and Jeff Harding of Australia. The commentator at London's Hammersmith Odeon is Harry Carpenter; *Football: highlights* from four of tonight's internationals — England v Germany at Wembley, Northern Ireland at home to the Faroe Islands, Scotland away to Switzerland and Wales's friendly with Brazil at the National Stadium, Cardiff. There is also a report on Liverpool's return to European football six years after the Heysel stadium tragedy

2.00 Weather

NB: (s) indicates stereo

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Social Scientists at Work. Ends at **7.35**

8.00 News

8.15 The Gun. Series exploring the history and development of firearms (r)

8.30 The Journey. Playwright Peter Terson and reporter Dennis Skillicorn continue their gypsy caravan journey along the pilgrim's way from Winchester to Canterbury. This morning they visit Jane *Austen's village* of Chawton *(r)*

9.00 A Fisherman's Diary. Derek Law fishes for tench, perch and sea trout on the tranquil waters at Nostell Priory and the stormy lochs *of northwest Scotland (r)*

9.30 Liberal Democrats Conference '91. The third day's debates introduced by Donald MacCormick and Vivian White, beginning with emergency motions

12.55 The Famous Teddy Z. Comedy series about a young Hollywood agent

1.20 Mr Benn. Animated adventures (r)

1.35 Discovering Birds. Tony Soper with the last in his series on the delights *of* birdwatching *(r)*

2.00 News and weather followed by **Holiday Outings.** Gillian Reynolds visits Vienna as the city celebrates Mozart's bicentenary (r)

2.15 Liberal Democrats Conference '91. *Further coverage from* Bournemouth. The proceedings include debates on NHS trusts and the environment. With news and weather at **3.00** and **3.55**

5.00 A Place to Call Our Own. A documentary *looking at 46 families* in the Docklands who spent two years building their own homes (r)

5.30 John Tovey's Entertaining on a Plate. Tovey prepares a celebration dinner for his group of keen amateur cooks, including a puff-pastry starter, a pork main course and a chocolate maramalade pudding

6.00 World Gymnastics Championships. Barry Davies introduces action from the men's team event. The commentator at the Hoosier Dome, Indianapolis, is Mitch Fenner

7.00 DEF II begins with **Rough Guide to Careers.** Raj Dhanda and Danielle Lux with advice on jobs in the world of finance. Comedian Tony Slattery talks about fund-raising, boxer Michael Watson on merchandising and Shami Ahmed, founder of the Joe Bloggs fashion label, on how to succeed in business **7.40 Gimme Eight.** Lisa I'Anson samples the Japanese music programme *Mega Rock Show*

8.05 Reaching for the Skies. The last in the series on the history of aviation looks at the attraction of flying. With contributions from former test pilot Richard Bach, author of *Jonathan Livingstone Seagull*, Chuck Yeager, the first man to break the sound barrier, and Joe Engle, who commanded the space shuttle Columbia (r). (Ceefax) (s)

Ambassador for South Africa: satirist Pieter-Dirk Uys (9.15pm)

9.00 ScreenPlay: Message to Major.

● CHOICE: In a video postcard to the British prime minister, the comedian and satirist Pieter-Dirk Uys offers a guide to the "new" South Africa. To do so he assumes the character of Mrs Evita Bezuidenhout, an Afrikaans version of Dame Edna Everage. At the heart of the show is a volley of one-liners, some of which display sharp political wit: "South Africa has something unique in the civilised world, a communist party with plans for the future". Mrs Bezuidenhout is helped by two other characters, a black houseboy and a white secretary. She also shakes a leg with the real Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The serious point of the show is that the new South Africa is the old one with a more humane face. Uys *is a clever performer and he is backed by strong material. But it is* odd to see *Message to Major* turning up in a drama slot when it is essentially an extended cabaret act

9.55 ScreenPlay Firsts: Carmela Campo. *The season of graduation* films continues with Ariel Piluso's drama of a middle aged man who visits his home village after the death of his mother. Starring Guilio Brogi and Enrica Maria Modugno

10.20 Voices from the Doll's House. Dorothy Marshal recalls university life after the first world war (r)

10.30 Newsnight

11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) **11.55 Weather**

12.00 Open University: Engineering Mechanics — Designing a Lift. Ends at **12.30am**

NB: (s) indicates stereo

ITV

6.00 TV-am

9.25 Runway. Three more contestants vie for the chance of winning a luxury holiday (s) **9.55 Thames news** and weather

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series hosted by *John Stapleton*

10.40 This Morning. Family magazine presented by Richard Medeley and Judy Finnigan, live from Liverpool's Albert Dock. Today's *edition includes photographer* Terry *O'Neil giving* advice to a celebrity, and Sarah Kennedy looking for some of the country's eccentric delights. With national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather

12.10 Allsorts. For the very young (r)

12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather

1.20 Home and Away. Australian drama serial **1.50 A Country Practice.** Medical *drama* serial set in an outback *medical* centre

2.20 Take the High Road. Highland soap **2.50 Give Us a Clue.** Celebrity charades introduced by Michael Parkinson (s)

3.15 ITN News *headlines* ***3.20 Thames News*** *headlines* ***3.25 The*** **Young Doctors.** Australian medical drama

3.55 Grotbags (s) **4.15 Garfield and Friends.** Cartoon (r) **4.40 Woof!** *Children's comedy series about a boy who changes into a dog* without any warning (r). (Oracle) (s)

5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers

5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) *Weather*

5.55 Thames Help. John Murray with advice on claiming Family Credit

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)

6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) Weather

7.00 Never the Twain. Vince Powell's amiable comedy series starring Donald Sinden and Windsor Davies as rival antiques dealers, here celebrating a decade of being neighbours. (Oracle) (s)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)

8.00 Magic Comedy Hour. Rudy Coby, Jeff Hobson and David Williamson introduce a showcase of new magical talent

Tense days: Sylvia Syms as the former prime minister (9.00pm)

9.00 Thatcher: the Final Days.

● *CHOICE: A dramatic reconstruction of three weeks that shook* the Conservative party and the nation, if not the world, puts conspiracy theories to one side and tends to ascribe the fall of Mrs *Thatcher to mistakes and miscalculations. It is suggested that Sir* Geoffrey Howe was pushed into a resignation speech he didn't intend to make, that Michael Heseltine did not want to fight for the leadership and that the Thatcher campaign was inept and damaging. Everything in the script is said to be true. Some of it is based on the non-attributable recollections of the leading participants, though the main impression is of a familiar re-run of events as reported at the time. Once you get over the shock of seeing household names played by actors who don't necessarily look or sound like them — and Sylvia Syms as Mrs Thatcher makes no attempt at a *Spitting Image* caricature — the drama is crisp, gripping and often funny. Whether it adds much to the sum of existing knowledge is another thing. (Oracle) (s)

10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather **10.30 Thames News** and weather

10.40 Lenny in Hollywood. A behind-the-scenes look at Lenny Henry's Hollywood feature film *True Identity*

11.10 Film: American Harvest *(1987) starring Wayne Rogers and* Mariclare Costello. A routine made-for-television drama about feuding families working as wheat-harvesting contractors in the *midwest. Directed by Dick Lowry*

12.55am Film: Short Walk to Daylight (1972) starring James Brolin and Don Mitchell. Formula TV disaster movie about a group of seven people trapped in the New York subway after an earthquake. Directed by Barry Shear

2.15 America's Top Ten presented by Tommy Puett (s)

2.40 Videofashion

3.10 Quiz Night. Inter pub and club general knowledge competition

3.40 Horse Trials from Belton Park, Lincolnshire

4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Archive newsreel from September 1941

5.00 Witness to Survival. Two more stories of people who overcame enormous odds

5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson. Ends at **6.00** **NB: (s) indicates stereo**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel 4 Daily

9.25 Film: International Settlement (1938, b/w) starring George Sanders and Dolores Del Rio. Effective *romantic* drama about an English adventurer in 1937 Shanghai who agrees to impersonate an arms magnate and finds himself a marked man. Directed by Eugene Forde

11.00 Fragile Earth: The Greening of Thailand. The environmental *documentary series* continues with this film about the Thai government's decision to ban logging *(r)*. (Teletext)

12.00 Stolen Childhood. The first in a repeated series of six programmes made to mark the *UN Convention* on the Rights of the Child. Today, the stories of a nine-year-old Indian child with polio; and a 12-year-old New York boy abandoned by his parents

12.30 Business Daily

1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series

2.00 Changing Faces. The concluding part of the series tracing the history of portrait painting *(r)*. (Teletext)

2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Doncaster. Brough Scott introduces five coverage of the 2.35, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races

4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley hosts another round of the words and numbers game

5.00 Willo the Wisp. *Cartoon series (r)*

5.05 The Oprah Winfrey Show. New-born babies who were stolen at birth and sold on the black market are re-united with their real mothers

6.00 Kate and Allie. Comedy series about two divorcées sharing a Greenwich Village home

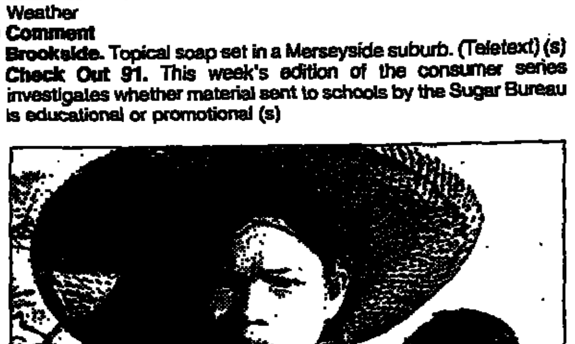
6.30 sixthirtysomething. *Ann* Bryson and *Maria* McErlane *are in* Stockholm to talk to the band Roxette; David Essex talks about his forthcoming tour of the UK; Harrison Ford discusses his new film *Regarding Henry;* and Vanessa Williams, the former Miss America who lost her title after posing nude for *Playboy* magazine, is interviewed

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather

7.50 Comment

8.00 Brookside. Topical soap set in a Merseyside suburb. (Teletext) (s)

8.30 Check Out 91. This week's edition of the consumer series investigates whether material sent to schools by the Sugar Bureau is educational or promotional (s)



Philippines refugee: Juny Gonzales loses her home (9.00pm)

9.00 The Dispossessed: Strangers in Their Own Land.

● *CHOICE:* The 17 million refugees recognised by the United Nations are outnumbered by the 20 million or so "internal" refugees who have crossed no frontier and therefore receive no help under international treaties. Roger Finnigan's clear and well-organised film offers a microcosm of their plight in the story of 15-year-old Juny Gonzalez. He lives in the Philippines and his family is one of thousands who have been innocent victims of the 20-year-old civil war between the government and the communist rebels. Juny became an internal refugee after his village was attacked by vigilantes, who killed his father and forced the family to flee. They hid in the jungle and three of his brothers died of disease. The irony is that while Juny and his like are being officially deprived of food, the Philippines offers a safe haven for refugees from Vietnam on their way to generously funded resettlement in the United States

10.00 The Golden Girls. *Snappy comedy about four Miami matrons who* share a home. (Teletext) (s)

10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back. In the last of the series Clive *Anderson talks to comedian Tony Slattery, footballer Gary Lineker* and actress Maureen Lipman (r) (s)

11.05 Nightingales. Last episode of the muddled comedy about security men guarding an empty office block. *Starring Robert* Lindsay (r) (s)

11.35 Frank's Place. So-so comedy about a staid Boston professor who inherits a New Orleans restaurant. With a guest appearance by Dizzy Gillespie and his band

12.00 Mission Eureka. Final episode of the European space drama. Ends at **12.55am**

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ITV VARIATIONS

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ANADA

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HTV WEST

As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 A Country Practice 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Film: American Harvest 12.25-12.55 Red Nine

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six

SCOTTISH

As London except: 1.50pm Blockbusters 2.20-2.50 The Sullivans 3.25-3.55 Coming *of Age 5.10-5.40 Home and Away* 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 AM Politician 10.40 Film: American Harvest 12.25 All Ireland Football Championships 1.25 Coach 1.55 Artworks 2.55 Film: Loving in the Rain 4.45-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Graham Kerr 3.23-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Film: American Harvest 12.25 Hardball 1.20 Donahue 2.15 CinemAttractions 2.45 Film: Crack in the World *4.30 About Britain 4.55* The Comedy Store 5.10-5.30 TSW *Jobfinder*

TVS

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 On the Wild Side 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Film: American Harvest 12.25 *Hardball* 1.20 Donahue 2.15 CinemAttractions 2.45 Film: Crack in the World (Dana Andrews, Keiron Moore) 4.30 About Britain 4.55 The Comedy Store 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and *Daughters* 3.25-3.55 *Who's the Boss?* 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Sportsweek 12.00 Pop Profile 12.25 Hardball 1.20 Donahue 2.15 CinemAttractions 2.45 Film: Crack in the World (Dana Andrews, Keiron Moore) 4.30 About Britain 4.55 The Comedy Store 5.10-5.30 *Jobfinder*

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Film: Madhouse 12.25 The Equalizer 1.20 Love, American Style 1.30 *Coach 2.00 Quiz Night 2.30* American Gladiators 3.25 Music Box 4.25-5.30 Jobs

S4C

Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Sbectel 9.30 Sesame Street 10.35 Film: Oscar Wilde" 12.00 The Big 8 12.30 Newyddion 12.30 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business *Daily* 2.00 Go Fishing 2.30 Racing from Doncaster 4.30 Kate and Allie 5.00 Happy Days 5.30 Brookside 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Penawde 7.00 Pel-Droed 9.05 Newyddion 9.30 Perthyn 10.00 Os Meta 10.30 Film: Mortgage (Brian Vriends, Doris Younnane) 12.15 Clive Anderson Talks Back *12.45 Cheers 1.15 Diwedd*

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Starts: 3.10pm News followed by The Forum Presents 4.05 News followed by Emmerdale 4.35 Father Brown 5.30 A *Country Practice* 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 6.30 Film. Subterfuge (Gene Barry, Joan Collins, Richard Todd) 8.05 Life Goes On 9.00 News 9.20 Voice of the Heart 11.15 News 11.25 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 2.30pm *Bosco* 3.00 The Den 6.00 Gentle Ben 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 The Poetry Book 7.05 Perfect Strangers 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by John Hewitt 8.30 Who's the Boss? 9.00 Up the Garden Path 9.25 News 9.30 Dempsey and Makepeace 10.25 No *Country For Old Men? 10.50 News 11.05* The Twilight Zone 11.35 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mister Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm *Barnaby Jones* 1.30 Another World 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 The Secret Video Show 8.00 "V" The Series 9.00 Wiseguy 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 The Hitchhiker 11.00 Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer 12.00 Twist in the Tale 12.30am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour
5.00am Sunrise 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Fashion TV 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 2.30 Our World: *The Countryside Show 4.30 Fashion* TV 5.00 Live At Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Fashion TV 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Beyond 2000 3.30 Our World 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.30 Newsline

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
10.00 Time Bandits (1981) A boy's adventures through time Starring Sean Connery, John Cleese, David Rappaport
12.00 Stand And Deliver (1988): A Hispanic teacher takes on the education system of East Los Angeles. Starring Edward James Olmos, Lou Diamond Phillips 2.00pm Hard Travelling (1985)· *A romance that leads to murder.* Starring J E Freeman, Ellen geer and Barry Corbin
4.00 The Lady Vanishes (1979): A remake of the classic Hitchcock thriller. starring Cybill Shepherd, Elliot Gould and Angela Lansbury
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Jesse (1988). Lee Remick stars as the nurse who helps out a remote community Starring Scott Wilson
8.00 Welcome Home (1989)· A Vietnam war veteran return home to find his wife has remarried Starring Kris Kristofferson and JoBeth Williams
10.00 Screwballs (1983)· High school comedy Starring Peter Keleghan and Linda Speciale
11.25 Lonely Lady (1983): The story of a young writer attracted to the seamier side of life. Starring Pia Zadora and Lloyd Bochner
1.00am Society (1989): A teenager discovers an unpleasant side to Beverly Hills Starring Billy Warlock and Devin Devasquez
2.35 The Sins of the Mother (1991): The double life of a man and his domineering mother. Starring Elizabeth Montgomery and Talia Balsam
4.10 The Mysterious Death of Nina Chereau (1988): A mystery thriller. Starring Maud Adams and Scott Renderer. Ends 5.45am

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Number One (1969): An American football quarterback suffers a mid-life crisis. Starring Charlton Heston and Jessica Walter
8.15 The Night at the Magic Castle (1988): On his tenth birthday a boy mysteriously finds himself in an enchanted castle. Starring Arte Watson and Matt Shakeman
10.15 Robotix: Animated adventure.
12.15pm Captain Carey, USA (1950): After the war an ex-officer returns to Italy to find *the traitor who betrayed him to the Nazis.* Starring Alan Ladd and Russ Tamblyn.,
2.15 A Night to Remember (1942): A mystery writer tries to solve a real life murder. Starring Sidney Toler and Gale Sondergaard
3.50 The Tadpole and the Whale: Animated fun
5.34 Spotlight
6.00 Yentl (1983): Barbara Streisand stars as the Jewish girl who takes on a man's world. *Starring Mandy Patinkin 8.15* The Bridge on the River Kwai (1957): Prisoners attempt to survive and escape a Japanese *prison* camp. Starring Alec Guinness and william Holden
11.00 The *Experts* (1988): The Soviets hire a hip American to run a nightclub. starring *John Travolta and Kelly Preston*
12.35am Grimm Prairie Tales (1989)· Two men tell each other scarry stories as the travel the desert. Starring James Earl Jones and Brad Dourif
2.10 Until September (1984): A woman stranded in Paris has an affair with a married *banker.* Starring Karen Allen and Thierry Lhermitte
3.45 '68 (1988): An Hungarian Immigrant struggles with life and his sons in san Francisco Ends 5.20am

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
10.30am Aerobics 11.00 American Sports Cavalcade 12.00 Italian League Football 2.00 The Footballer's Football Show 3.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 4.00 German Rally 5.00 World of Adventure 6.00 Netbusters 6.30 Torque 7.30 Live International Football- England v Germany 10.00 NFL American Football 12.00 Pro-Celebrity Golf 1.00am Netbusters 1.30 International Football

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
1.00pm Artistic Gymnastics 4.30 Volleyball 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Trans World Sport *8.00 Live Athletics 10.30* Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Eurobics 8.00 Spanish Football *Highlights 8.30 Volvo VGA European Golf* Tour 9.30 Eurobics 10.00 STOP Four-Man Beach Volleyball 11.00 Canada Cup Ice Hockey 1.00pm German Tennis 2.00 IAAF Grand Prix Athletics 4.00 International Basketball 5.00 STOP Surfing *5.30* Unlimited Hydroplane Racing *6.00* College Football 7.00 Dutch Open Bowling Masters 8.00 Al Japan Sports Prototype Championships 9.00 US PGA Golf Tour 10.00 Major League Baseball 12.00 Matchroom Pro Box

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00 The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Workout 11.50 simply Marvellous 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's New 1.10 Search For Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of The Night 2.05 *Afternoon Cinema: Sigurd the Dragonkiller* (1989) 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 Mothers-in-Law 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV

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RADIO 3

35-6.55am Open University (FM only)

55 Weather; News Headlines

00 Morning Concert: Holst (A *Somerset Rhapsody:* Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Del Mar); Rachmaninov (Moments Musicaux Op 16 Nos 4-6 Etude-tableaux in E flat minor, Op 39 No 5: Andrei Gavrilov, piano)

30 News

35 Morning Concert (cont): William Schumann (American *Festival Overture:* Los Angeles PO under Bernstein); Telemann (Oboe Sonata in B flat, Marilyn Zupnik, oboe, Mark Shuman, cello, Raymond Leppard, harpsichord); Handel (Nò, di voi mon vo'fidarmi: soloists, King's *Consort*); Falla (Homenaje, Le Tombeau de C Debussy: Eduardo Fernández, guitar); Tchaikovsky (1812 Overture: Concertgebouw Orchestra under Haitink)

0 News

15 Composers of the Week: Revueltas (Redes, Musica para charlar 1 and 2: Mexican State SO under Batiz)

15 Midweek Choice: Vivaldi (Violin Concertoin E (RV 271), L'amoroso: *London Vivaldi* Orchestra, Monica Huggett, violin); Villa-Lobos (Bachiana *Brasileira, No 5:* Arleen Auger, soprano, The Yale Cellos under Parisot); Foerster (Suite: *From Shakespeare, Op 76:* Prague SO under Smetacek); Musorgsky (Gathering Mushrooms, The Orphan, The Magpie: Oda Slobodskaya, soprano, Ivor Newton, piano); Arensky (Piano Concerto in F minor, Op 2: Alexei Cherkassov, piano, USSR RSO under Alexeev); Salomé (Grand Choeur: Malcolm Archer, organ); Koechlin (Les Bandar-Log: BBC SO under Dorati); Haydn (Symphony 'B' in B flat HI 108: Philharmonica Hungarica under Antal Dorati)

5 Moscow Virtuosi: Yevgeni Kissin, piano and Vassilii Kan, trumpet, under Vladimir Spivakov perform Schnittke (Suite in the Olden Style); Shostakovich (Concerto for piano, trumpet and strings, Op 35); Tchaikovsky (Serenade for strings, Op 48)

pm News

To my dear friend Haydn: Haydn (String Quartet in C (K465) Dissonance: Amadeus Quartet

2.00 *Record Review (r)*

3.10 *Vintage Years:* Maria Yudina, piano, performs Stravinsky (Sonata, 1924); Beethoven (Sonata in A, Op 101): Stravinsky (Serenade in A, 1925)

4.00 Choral Evensong: live from St Georges Church, Hanover square

5.00 Gods and Deamons: Music of *belief and ritual with John* Thornley (r)

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with Roger Nichols

7.00 News **7.05** Third Ear Collection: John Kani talks to Paul Allen (r)

7.30 Proms 1991: *Live from the* Albert Hall, London. William Bennett, flute, Neil Black, *oboe, Robin O'Neil,* bassoon, Frank Lloyd, horn, Mitsuko Uchida, piano, Ann Murray, mezzo: ECO conductor George Cleve perform Mozart, reconstr Levin (Sinfonia Concertante in E flat (K 297b), Piano Concerto No 20 in D minor (K466).

8.35 Curator Chris Banks gives a *guided tour of the British* Museum's Mozart exhibition. ***8.55*** Mozart (Kommet her ihr *frechen Sünder, K146*); (Vado ma dove, K583); (Voi avete un cor fedele, K217); (Symphony No41 in C, K551, Jupiter)

10.00 The Gang that Fell Apart: ● CHOICE: Anthony Howard rounds up the whole Gang of Four in this the first of three programmes tracing the birth and history of the SDP, coinciding not only with the Liberal Democrat conference and the autobiographies of Lord Jenkins and Dr David Owen but also with the latter's recent announcement that he will not contest the next election. There are reflections both rueful and painful from the party's heyday. "A great movement of history", Shirley Williams had called it. Howard says there's been no more extraordinary episode in British politics than the SDP's rise and fall

10.45 Janina Fialkowska: the pianist performs Szymanowski (Métopes, Op 29; Two Mazurkas, Op 62; Masques, Op 34)

11.30 News ***11.35-12.35am Dvořák*** (Terzetto in C, Op 74; Dobru Noc (In Folk Tone, Op 73 No 1); *Piano Quintet No 2 in A,* Op 81) (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**

5.55am Shipping *Forecast* **6.00** *News Briefing, incl* **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.43** Stardust and Sawdust, The playwright and actor Henry Livings reminisces on life in the *theatre* ***8.58*** *Weather* **9.00** News

9.05 Midweek (new series) with Libby Purves, Guest interview by Brian Hayes

10.00 Gardeners' Question Time A Postbag edition with Clay *Jones and experts*

10.30 Morning Story: Coping with Success, by Simon Hebbertson

10.45 Daily Service (s)

11.00 News; Science Friction: Too Clever By Half? Concluding his exploration into the impact of scientific research on our lives, Professor John Durant *asks whether* lay people can be expected to understand increasingly more complex *scientific evidence in courts of* law

11.42 Profile: Mike Wooldridge with a *radio portrait of the veteran* anti-apartheid campaigner Dr Beyers Naude

12.00 News; You and Yours. A reports on the case of a man who lost his leasehold flat because he did not clean his windows

12.25pm Out of Order. Chairman Patrick Hannan is joined by MPs Julian Critchley and Austin Mitchell and their guests for the political quiz (s) ***12.55*** *Weather*

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (s) **1.55** Shipping ***2.00*** *News; Woman's Hour* Jenni Murray investigates Christian belief and sport; and there are items on children's rights in the EC,and drama documentaries

3.00 News; On the Carpet. Eve Ward's comedy about a science fiction writer who begins to discover that *life* really is stranger than fiction when he wakes up to find a *dead man on his carpet* Starring Martin Jarvis, Pat Coombs and Barbara Lott (s)

3.47 *Enquire Within. Dilly Barlow tackles questions sent in by listeners*

4.00 News

4.05 A Rose is a Rose. The writer and garden designer, Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall, explains why she ascribes so much significance to the rose

4.30 Kaleidoscope, Brian Sibley *casts his critical eye over the* week's new films including *Regarding Henry* and *True Identity,* Nigel Andrews reports on the Venice film festival

5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Round Britain Quiz, with the *resident London team Irene* Thomas and Eric Korn and the North's Paul Barker and Margaret Lesser (s) (r)

7.00 News **7.05** The Archers

7.20 Face the Facts (new series) Investigative reporter John Waite pursues cases of rough justice

7.45 Medicine Now, Geoff Watts *reports on the health of* medical care (r)

8.15 Antony Hopkins Talking About Music. Antony Hopkins considers a wide variety of music, deriving his topics from forthcoming Promenade concerts

8.45 In Business: The Hong Kong of Europe? Peter Day explores the repercussions for British industry if Japanese investment increases in the 1990s as it is expected too

9.15 Kaleidoscope (s)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Story *Poems* Read by Tom Courtenay, Dorothy Tutin, Deborah Findlay and Linus Roache (s)

11.00 Home on the Grange *Meet* the superheroes of Sylvester Walsh's childhood in 1930s Cardiff (r)

11.30 The Birth of Europe Living in a World of Ice, *Peter France* looks at the first Europeans

12.00-12.43 News, incl **12.27** *Weather* ***12.33*** *Shipping* Forecast

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FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Gary King (FM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Paul McKenna: Let's Do Lunch 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Neale James's Evening Session 9.00 The man Ezeke Sunshine Show, Reggae 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. *4.00am Steve Madden:* The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 *Jimmy* Young *1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Sarah Kennedy* 4.00 Alan Titchmarsh 5.05 John Dunn's Answers Please 7.00 On the Air: David Rider presents the nostalgic radio quiz with John Junkin, John Benson, John Dunn and Brian Matthew 7.30 The McCalmans and Friends 8.00 Jim Lloyd 9.00 John Leeming: The Organist Entertains 9.30 Sib Silver Strings Jazz 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Bill Rennels with Night Ride 3.00-4.00am A Little Night Music

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WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather 6.00 News 6.09 24 Hours 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours followed by News Summary 8.30 Development '91 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Science or Fiction?2 10.00 News 10.09 World Business Report live 10.15 County Style 10.30 Bright Moon of the Season 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 Omnibus 11.30 Londres *Midi* 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Meridian 1.00 News 1.09 News about Britain 1.15 New Ideas 1.35 Tales of Earth and Water 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News *3.05 Outlook live 3.30 Off the Shelf: The War of the Worlds 3.45 Good Books 4.00 News 4.15* BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir: European 6.14 The World Today 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German features 8.00 News 8.05 World *Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Omnibus* 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Sportsworld 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 From Our Own Correspondent 11.20 Rock Salad 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05 World Business Report 12.15 Good Books 12.30 Multitrack 2 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Girls Will Be Girls 2.00 World News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Waveguide 2.40 Book Choice 2.45 The Farming World 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Assignment 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Sportsworld Special 4.45 News and Press Review in German.

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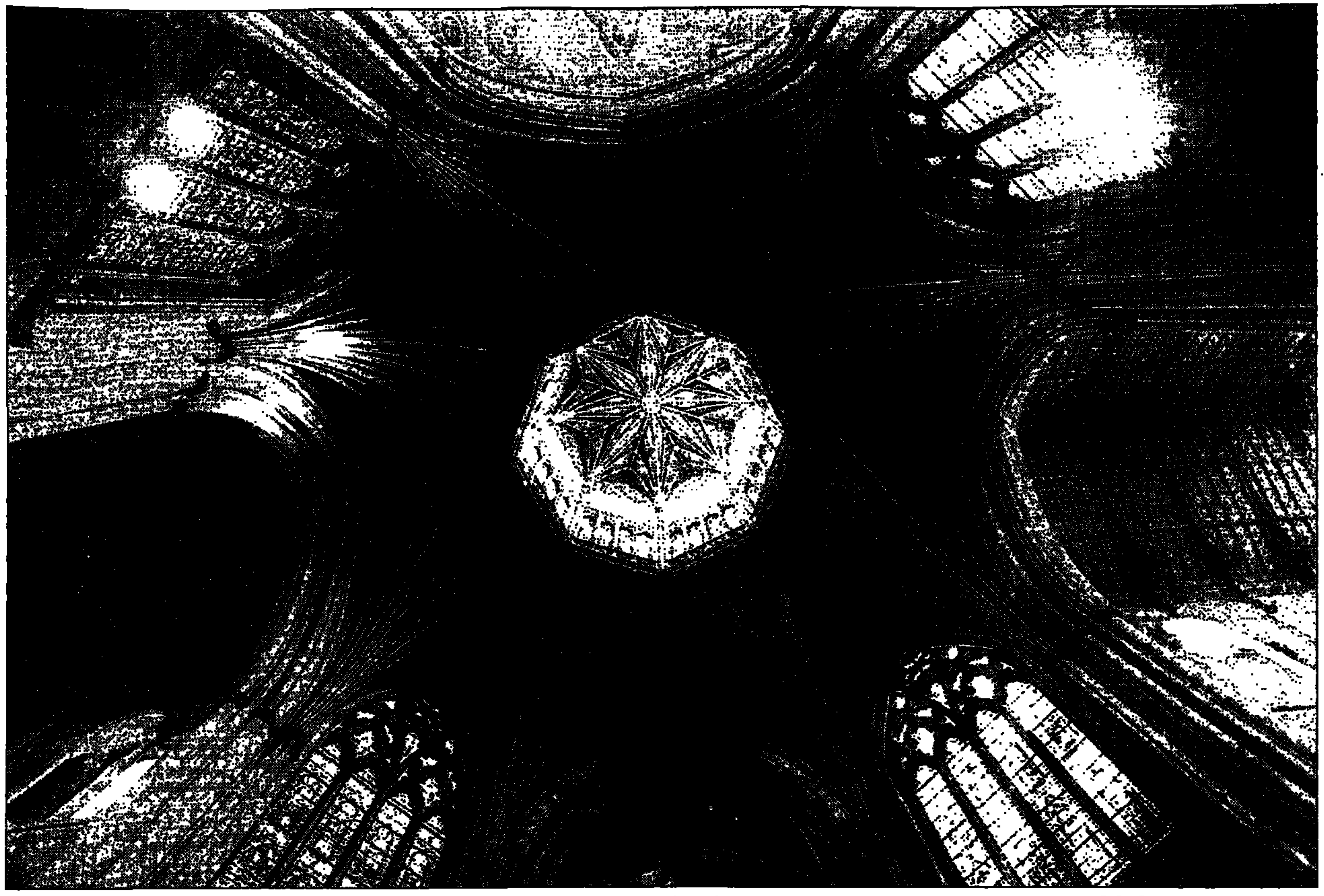

Crowning glory: the scaffolding and hoardings are gone at last, and after 18 months of painstaking work the chief glory of Ely cathedral, the 1322 Octagon and Lantern tower, is revealed once more in its full splendour (David Young writes). By coincidence, the Octagon restoration was completed in time for yesterday's service in which 800 young voices were raised in praise of the 450th anniversary of the founding of the King's school, housed in the surrounding medieval monastic buildings. Next year the cathedral, a place of daily worship since 673 — apart from a brief interruption during Cromwell's reign — will mark the end of a restoration that should enable it to withstand another century of the harsh Fenland climate. Work on the Octagon, which covers an area 72ft in diameter with eight stone pillars supporting the Lantern, cost £1.2 million.

Seriously folks, now's the time to stop looking silly

Conference sketch

Matthew Parris in Bournemouth

All political parties are silly, but most are furtive about their silliness. The attraction of the Lib-Dems was always that they rejoiced in it.

Those days are gone. Newly self-important, the party is making a concerted attempt to stop looking silly. For proof, look no further than their conference agenda here at Bournemouth. Yesterday's debate on animal protection sported a resolution demanding "legislation to protect *fur-bearing* animals".

The italics are mine. *"Fur-bearing"*? Did you know that your rabbit was fur-bearing? Of course "fur-bearing" means furry, but some nervous young man in the motion-drafting department couldn't bring himself to write "furry" into the resolution of a party which was shortly to lead Britain into the new age of reason.

Perhaps that young man was Alex Wade of Wimbledon, who formally announced, during a debate on unemployment, that he was going to summate, causing quite a stir. The reality did not live up to the promise. While Alex was summating, I stared round at the official platform.

In the manner of modern conference centres, Bournemouth's is wider than it is deep. An altercation between two speakers at opposite ends of the platform above us is therefore a long-distance affair, the audience turning their necks back and forth through nearly 180 degrees in the sort of synchronised swivel you would need to watch lawn tennis from under the net.

Executing a slow pan, my eye fell first upon Lady Seear. This is a splendid baroness of bulky — or should I say bulk-bearing? — proportions and granite countenance. Her magnificent profile cries out for a place on Mount Rushmore, alongside the sculptures of the American presidents, carved out of rock. A fairly large outcrop, I might add, will need to be reserved for Lady Seear.

Alex was still summating, so I panned onward, coming next to the newly-ennobled Lord Holme of Cheltenham, full of dignity. I remember that, even as plain *Mr* Holme, he was once summoned by a spoof announcement Tannoyed around the conference complex: "Will a Mr Richard Holme please come to the information desk, where his ego is blocking the entrance?"

My eye fell next upon the black lady who spoke on Monday and whose name nobody can pronounce, wearing a turban and what appeared to be full Ashanti evening dress. At least I *think* it was her — but on Monday she had worn an ordinary suit and sat on the other side. Aware (I suspect) that an all-white platform might be criticised, and conscious of the shortage of black Lib-Dem activists, shrewd party managers are dressing this poor woman in a new outfit every day, placing her in different positions on the podium, and hoping we will think a whole range of black supporters are looking in on different days. My heart goes out to her. She may well not know where she is.

And where was Paddy? Among the audience, talking to a lady party worker wearing a sort of Donny-Osmond-style hat, with a little peak, possibly home-made. He returned to the rostrum to hear his Treasury spokesman open a debate on the economy.

Mr Beith now wears designer-framed glasses, just like the ones John Major and (lately) Douglas Hogg have acquired. John Birt led the way, and, these days, nobody who is anybody in the politics of the 90s is without them. Even Mr Kinnock has spectacles with (they claim) real glass lenses in the frames. The effect on Mr Beith is to make him look like a village schoolmaster pretending to be an advertising executive.

He had an anecdote for us: Last year he had come down to the Bournemouth conference centre for a TV interview and blundered into this hall — packed with *Tories*. "It could have turned into a lynch mob," said Mr Beith, hopefully.

Mr Ashdown smiled. Perched on that carefully posed cusp between concrete and compassion, he gave us a look which was somehow both flinty and fluffy. Sorry, fluff-bearing.

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Tests point to paint stripper

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rough conducted tests intended to establish why the adhesive bond between the outer skin and the interior structure failed.

It was then realised that the adhesive was Redux 322, which has a different makeup from the AF130 type specified by Concorde's makers. When tests were carried out to establish what effect paint stripper could have on such adhesive, investigators were shocked to discover that it peeled and bubbled.

"In contrast to the negligible effect of stripper on AF130, it was found that Redux 322 was badly affected," the air accidents investigators' report says. "A sheet of the cured adhesive immersed in stripper was swollen and disintegrated in two hours.

"A more realistic trial, with a thin layer of stripper held in contact with adhesive bonded to aluminium sheet for a longer period, caused the adhesive to discolour, crack and soften. Thus if small amounts of stripper had entered via unfilled hollow rivets in the period May 1980 to July 1990 it could have caused local weakening of the Redux 322 and facilitated attack by water."

British Airways said last night that "even if it is finally proved that paint stripper was to blame, modifications which seal off the leading and trailing edges of the rudder should prevent it from happening again."

GO AFLOAT WITH MANSELL

This Friday *The Times* publishes a 16-page colour boating supplement to mark the opening of the Southampton Boat Show, which has gone from the humblest of beginnings to become the largest on-water show in the world. The supplement, free with *The Times*, includes Nigel Mansell and his family talking about their passion for high-speed sailing (as a nice change from high-speed motoring), previews of the latest vessels and the technology used to power and navigate them, how to buy anything from a dinghy to a cruiser and, once you have it, where to keep it

The Times Boating Supplement: ask your newsagent to reserve a copy of Friday's *Times* today

Hurd cautious after Gorbachev aid plea

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to ensure that food did not get diverted to the black market.

"We need assistance, co-operation, solidarity," Mr Gorbachev said. "We are counting on it."

In a clear reference to his disappointment at the lack of concrete Western support at the recent London summit, he added: "I sincerely hope the West will now consider with greater attention what I have said so many times."

Country after country paid tribute to Mr Gorbachev's courage in resisting the coup and carrying through subsequent radical reform. M Dumas said that without Mr Gorbachev's resolute actions, the historic changes would not have occurred.

Mr Hurd also paid "special tribute" to him, but pointedly included Boris Yeltsin and leading non-communist politicians. The coup's failure showed how deeply the CSCE principles had taken root in Europe.

The conference was a fitting monument to the "brave spirit" of the people of Moscow. "Let their example, risking their lives for human rights, inspire the work here in the next four weeks."

Mr Hurd thanked the Soviet authorities for releasing the family of Oleg Gordievsky. But he said not all human rights goals had yet been achieved in the Soviet Union. He referred particularly to the new emigration laws which he said still restricted people's rights to travel, and hoped these would be modified.

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Alternative local tax proposed

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attacked the Liberal Democrats and their leader, Paddy Ashdown, and gave a warning that voting for them could let Labour in by the back door. Mr Patten, in Southampton, said that Mr Ashdown "loved the scent of power and saw proportional representation as the way of achieving it".

In Scunthorpe, Mr Kinnock said Britain would need more than a consumer-led upturn in the economy if it was to break out of the cycle of recession. "I want to ensure that the odds against industry are reduced by a government that recognises the full importance of manufacturing industries … and naturally I want to get on with that job quickly," he said.

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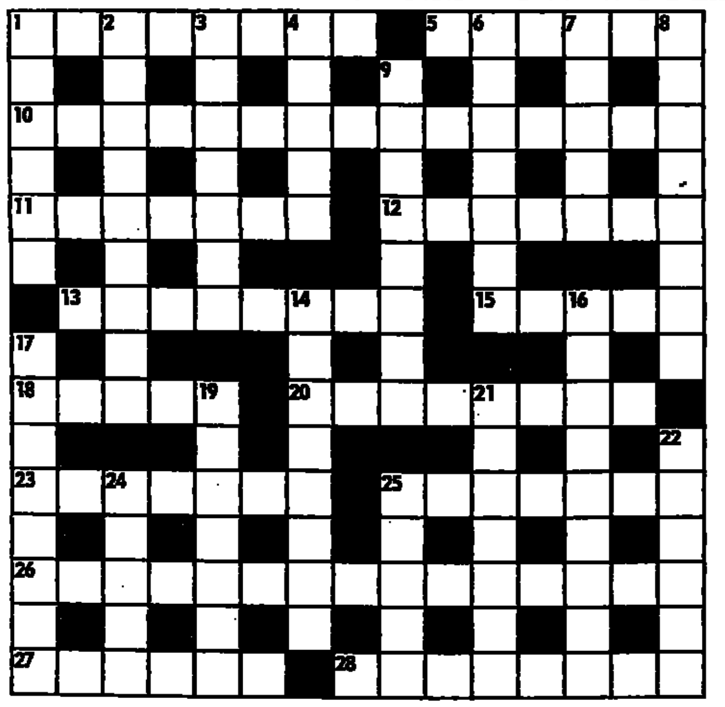
THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,708



ACROSS

1 County players crestfallen (8).
5 Aristocrat in difficulties — how he met his debts? (4,2).
10 If unreliable, invite VIPs to get this check? (8,7).
11 King's move pronounced a foul (7).
12 Monet's one unorthodox oil (7).
13 Way in to dance? You can't miss it (4,4).
15 Barbaric invaders using deadly poison (5).
18 One commonly tricked and ruined (5).
20 So to grasp answer, cudgel the grey matter (8).
23 Dirty poetry once available on request (7).
25 Figure is about the right size (7).
26 Looking for teachers to employ near Cambridge once (15).
27 Treated sheep to come through sound (6).
28 Went and got married again? (8).

DOWN

1 Knock over extremely delicate model (6).
2 Were you once grazing animal in barren country? (9).
3 Why weapon won't go off in rumble? (5,2).
4 Second number divisible by two? No it's not! (5).
6 University takes student in order to have a non-resident (7).
7 Meaning of passage (8).
8 He doesn't believe in one former virtuoso (8).
9 Short way with a girl for him, say (3,5).
14 Overcome, run away from bad defeat and ponder (8).
16 Guide half shut in dresser (9).
17 Quiet production of *The Mousetrap* (4,4).
19 A divine end for one in fix (7).
21 Great Lake seen as a real disaster (4,3).
22 Lead, say, can kill (6).
24 Playwright more than half way through Henry II (5).
25 Grade a collection of staves (5).

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Solution to Puzzle No 18,707

S	W	I	S	S	■	T	O	W	N	S	F	O	L	K
Y	■	N	■	P	■	U	■	O	■	H	■	C	■	E
N	O	N	P	A	R	E	I	L	■	R	A	T	E	D
T	■	E	■	G	■	S	■	F	■	E	■	O	■	G
H	A	R	S	H	■	D	E	C	I	D	A	B	L	E
E	■	■	■	E	■	A	■	U	■	■	■	R	■	■
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I	■	N	■	R	■	A	■	G	■	E	■	N	■	L
S	K	E	D	A	D	D	L	E	■	R	I	G	H	T

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by eight of the 19 competitors at the 1991 national final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

DIADOCHI
a. The Twelve Hours
b. Heretics of the Early Church
c. The successors of Alexander

DEWITT
a. To lynch
b. To bewilder
c. A Chess opening

ROUTH
a. Unsophisticated
b. An ornate cravat
c. Abundance

PLAGIUM
a. The entrance to an amphitheatre
b. The house leek
c. Kidnapping

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WEATHER

Patchy fog over southern England will clear to give a bright day but with a risk of isolated showers. Eastern and central England and Wales will be cloudy with some patchy light rain, followed by sunny intervals. Scotland, northern England, and Northern Ireland will have sunny periods and showers, confined later to northeastern areas. Outlook: sunny intervals, mainly dry, but rain spreading eastwards.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	28	82	s	Majorca	30	86	f
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Malaga	30	86	s
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Malta	28	82	f
Algiers	33	91	s	Melb'rne	11	52	r
Amst'dm	22	72	s	Mexico C*	20	68	s
Athens	24	75	f	Miami*	28	82	f
Bahrain	33	91	s	Milan	24	75	s
Bangkok	32	90	f	Montreal*	20	68	f
Barbads*	30	86	s	Moscow	12	54	c
Barcelna	29	84	s	Munich	27	81	s
Beirut	29	84	s	Nairobi	28	82	s
Belgrade	21	70	f	Naples	27	81	f
Berlin	22	72	s	N Delhi	31	88	s
Bermuda*	29	84	f	N York*	27	81	s
Biarritz	29	84	s	Nice	26	79	s
Borde'x	29	84	s	Oslo	17	63	f
Brussels	25	77	f	Paris	28	82	s
Budapst	22	72	s	Peking	22	72	c
B Aires*	19	66	f	Perth	16	61	s
Cairo	35	95	s	Prague	22	72	s
Cape Tn	17	63	s	Reykjavik	8	46	s
Chicago*	32	90	c	Rhodes	25	77	s
Ch'church	17	63	f	Rio de J	22	72	s
Cologne	25	77	s	Riyadh	38	100	s
C'phagn	18	64	f	Rome	27	81	s
Corfu	27	81	s	Salzburg	26	79	s
Dublin	17	63	f	S F'risco*	16	61	c
Dubrovnik	24	75	s	Santiago*	19	66	f
Faro	25	77	s	S Paulo*	20	68	c
Florence	28	82	s	Seoul	27	81	f
Frankfurt	25	77	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Funchal	25	77	f	St'kholm	15	59	c
Geneva	28	82	s	Strasb'rg	27	81	f
Gibraltar	27	81	s	Sydney	17	63	r
Helsinki	13	55	r	Tangier	29	84	s
Hong K	32	90	s	Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Innsbrck	25	77	s	Tenerife	27	81	s
Istanbul	21	70	f	Tokyo	26	79	c
Jeddah	34	93	s	Toronto*	26	79	f
Karachi	29	84	c	Tunis	30	86	s
L Palmas	27	81	s	Valencia	29	84	f
Le Tquet	24	75	s	Vanc'ver*	16	61	s
Lisbon	25	77	f	Venice	25	77	s
Locarno	25	77	s	Vienna	23	73	s
London	21	70	c	Warsaw	19	66	f
L Angels*	20	68	c	Wash'ton*	30	86	s
Luxembg	24	75	s	Wel'nton	14	57	f
Luxor	37	99	s	Zurich	25	77	s
Madrid	29	84	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.29	2.14
Austria Sch	21.60	20.10
Belgium Fr	63.30	59.30
Canada $	2.08	1.93
Denmark Kr	11.86	11.11
Finland Mkk	7.63	7.08
France Fr	10.39	9.74
Germany Dm	3.085	2.865
Greece Dr	336.00	316.00
Hong Kong $	14.00	13.00
Ireland Pt	1.146	1.076
Italy Lira	2300.00	2150.00
Japan Yen	250.25	232.25
Netherlands Gld	3.45	3.23
Norway Kr	12.05	11.25
Portugal Esc	262.50	244.50
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.80
Spain Pta	190.50	177.50
Sweden Kr	11.22	10.47
Switzerland Fr	2.68	2.51
Turkey Lira	8500.00	7700.00
USA $	1.83	1.70
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4 hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.5	-	17	63	cloudy
Anglesey	10.5	-	23	73	sunny
Aviemore	0.5	-	18	64	cloudy
Belfast	7.7	-	19	66	bright
Birmingham	10.4	-	23	73	sunny
Blackpool	10.0	-	24	75	sunny
Bournemouth	8.6	-	21	70	sunny
Bristol	10.6	-	24	75	sunny
Buxton	10.2	-	21	70	sunny
Cardiff	9.8	-	23	73	sunny
Colwyn Bay	10.9	-	21	70	sunny
Douglas	5.4	-	18	64	bright
Eastbourne	10.8	-	20	68	sunny
Edinburgh	7.6	-	18	64	fog
Eskdalemuir	3.6	-	16	61	fog
Falmouth	9.8	-	20	68	sunny
Folkestone	10.7	-	20	68	sunny
Glasgow	4.2	-	19	66	bright
Guernsey	11.0	-	24	75	sunny
Hastings	10.4	-	20	68	sunny
Jersey	10.7	-	24	75	sunny
Kinloss	1.2	-	20	68	cloudy
Leeds	9.9	-	25	77	sunny
London	9.5	-	23	73	sunny
Lowestoft	9.4	-	20	68	sunny
Manchester	11.2	-	23	73	sunny
Morecambe	11.0	-	21	70	sunny
Newquay	10.2	-	21	70	sunny
Nottingham	9.4	-	24	75	sunny
Penzance	8.0	-	21	70	sunny
Plymouth	11.0	-	22	72	sunny
Sandown	10.4	-	20	68	sunny
Scarborough	10.7	-	21	70	sunny
Scilly Isles	4.6	-	20	68	sunny
Shanklin	11.1	-	20	68	sunny
Southsea	11.9	-	20	68	sunny
St. Ives	8.8	-	21	70	sunny
Stornoway	0.4	-	16	61	cloudy
Swanage	9.8	-	19	66	sunny
Teignmouth	10.4	-	20	68	sunny
Tiree	5.0	-	17	63	bright
Torquay	11.3	-	21	70	sunny
Weymouth	10.3	-	20	68	sunny
Wick	1.3	-	17	63	cloudy

These are Monday's figures

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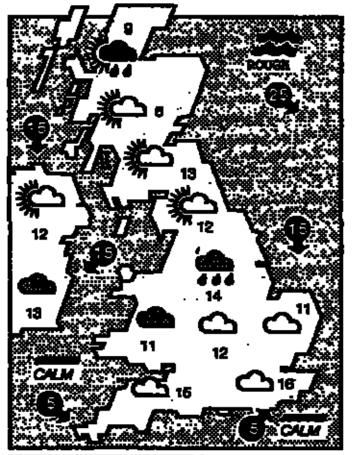

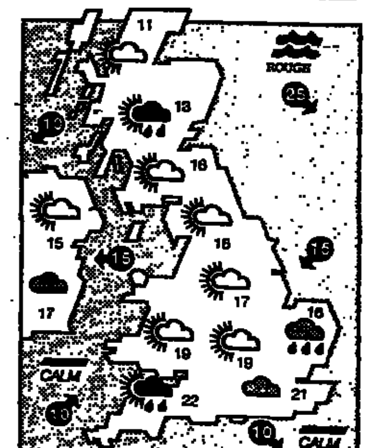

London 7.26 pm to 6.30 am
Bristol 7.35 pm to 6.40 am
Edinburgh 7.43 pm to 6.37 am
Manchester 7.36 pm to 6.36 am
Penzance 7.46 pm to 6.53 am

Sun rises: 6.28 am
Sun sets: 7.26 pm
Moon rises 10.28 am
Moon sets 8.00 pm
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Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 22C (72F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.5 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	18	64	s	Guernsey	21	70	s
B'mgham	21	70	f	Inverness	14	57	f
Blackpool	18	64	s	Jersey	24	75	s
Bristol	22	72	s	London	21	70	c
Cardiff	21	70	s	M'nchster	21	70	s
Edinburgh	19	66	f	Newcastle	20	68	s
Glasgow	16	61	c	R'nldsway	17	63	s

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Leeds, 25C (77F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Kirkwall, Orkney, 0.12 in; highest sunshine: Southsea, Hampshire, 11.9 hr.

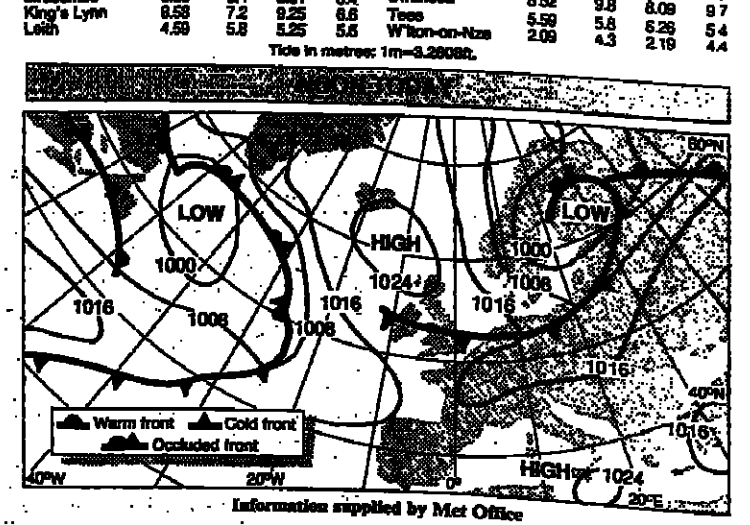
HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.25	7.4	4.36	7.4
Aberdeen	3.30	4.6	4.01	4.1
Avonmouth	9.51	13.7	10.05	13.6
Belfast	1.17	3.8	1.42	3.4
Cardiff	9.36	12.6	9.50	12.8
Devonport	8.26	5.6	8.39	5.6
Dover	1.17	6.7	1.35	6.9
Falmouth	7.56	5.4	8.09	5.4
Glasgow	2.59	5.8	3.39	4.8
Harwich	2.17	4.1	2.28	4.2
Holyhead	12.27	5.9	12.50	5.8
Hull	8.38	8.1	9.08	7.5
Ilfracombe	8.39	9.4	8.51	9.4
King's Lynn	8.58	7.2	9.25	6.6
Leith	4.59	5.8	5.25	5.5

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	1.31	9.9	1.50	9.5
Lowestoft	11.52	2.7		
Margate	2.35	4.8	2.38	4.9
Milford Haven	8.44	7.2	9.02	7.2
Newquay	7.34	7.2	7.53	7.2
Oban	8.12	4.0	8.18	4.0
Penzance	7.27	5.7	7.41	5.7
Portland	9.40	2.4	9.52	2.4
Portsmouth	1.39	4.8	2.08	4.9
Shoreham	1.27	6.4	1.51	6.4
Southampton	1.04	4.6	1.29	4.7
Swansea	8.52	9.8	8.09	9.7
Tees	5.59	5.8	6.26	5.4
W'ton-on-Nze	2.09	4.3	2.19	4.4

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

NOON TODAY



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Business Editor
John Bell

National Power to build coal docks

NATIONAL Power is to develop facilities capable of importing more than five million tonnes of coal a year in partnership with First Corporate Shipping, the company that took a £22.5 million lease on Bristol's municipal docks less than three weeks ago.

The coal import facility will be part of a sophisticated £70 million deep water terminal development at Bristol's Royal Portbury Dock. It will feed directly into trains carrying coal to power stations in South Wales, the Midlands and southern England.

Combined with other import ventures under negotiation on the Tees and Humber, and existing facilities at Thameside power stations, the Bristol development will give National Power the capacity to import 17 million tonnes of coal a year, more than a third of its total needs. It will provide increased leverage in negotiations to force British Coal to supply at world market prices when existing contracts expire in April 1993.

PowerGen, National Power's smaller rival, also has advanced plans to develop terminals capable of meeting more than a third of its present needs.

Baltic requests

The newly independent Baltic republics of Latvia and Estonia have applied for membership of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the London-based institution to assist eastern Europe's economies. The EBRD said yesterday it welcomed the applications, which would be submitted to its board, and had agreed to send a fact-finding mission to the republics. On Monday, Estonia applied for membership of the International Monetary Fund.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7280 (+0.0005)

German mark
2.9333 (−0.0078)

Exchange index
91.3 (−0.2)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2071.9 (−16.7)

FT-SE 100
2630.8 (−22.4)

New York Dow Jones
2990.38 (−16.78)*

Tokyo Nikkei Avge
22411.58 (−162.40)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Lambert Howarth	290p (+15p)
Assoc Brit Ports	334½p (+12p)
Powell Duffryn	325p (+10p)
Macro 4	345p (+24p)
Adscene	52½p (+18p)
Haynes Publishing	135p (+25p)
FALLS:	
Gaskell	135p (−9p)
Henderson Admin	630p (−13p)
MAM	830p (−18p)
Oxford Instruments	236½p (−10p)
Savoy Hotels 'A'	637½p (−22p)
Reckitt & Colman	679p (−17p)
Sothebys	700p (−25p)
Arjo Wiggins	271½p (−17p)
News Corp	451p (−19p)
Ranger	442½p (−10p)
Hawker Siddeley	595p (−12p)
Delta	411½p (−13p)
Brit Aerospace	507½p (−10p)
General Accident	571½p (−14p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10½%
3-month Interbank $10^{9}/_{16}$-10⅜%
3-month eligible bills: $9^{29}/_{32}$-$9^{23}/_{32}$%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds $5^{7}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.26-5.24%*
30-year bonds $101^{8}/_{32}$-$101^{5}/_{16}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7285	£: $1.7300*
£: DM2.9341	$: DM1.6948*
£: SwFr2.5608	$: SwFr1.4805*
£: FFr9.9726	$: FFr5.7680*
£: Yen233.17	$: Yen134.80*
£: Index:91.3	$: Index:65.3
ECU £0.698462	SDR £0.783237
£: ECU1.431717	£: SDR1.276752

London forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $351.20 pm-$351.70
close $350.40-350.90 (£202.70-203.20)
New York:
Comex $351.25-351.75*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sep) ...... $19.90 bbl ($19.80)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 133.8 July (1987=100)

* Denotes midday trading price

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Lowest rise since March last year

Factory gate prices boost inflation hope

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

JOHN Major's increasingly upbeat remarks about the prospects for lower inflation have been given strong support in the latest official figures on manufacturers' prices and raw material costs.

The provisional data showed factory gate prices on sales to the home market slowing from an annual 5.9 per cent on July to 5.6 per cent in August, the lowest year-on-year rise since March last year.

The slowdown, which was greater than expected, should start to translate into lower retail prices by the end of the year.

Some City analysts concluded that the government had all but redeemed its pledge to defeat inflation, its prime policy objective.

The money market, similarly encouraged by the better inflation prospects, has largely discounted a fresh half-point cut in interest rates soon, despite last week's half-point base rates cut.

More sceptical economists, said, however, that the slowdown in annual output price inflation to a large extent reflected manufacturers' need to stay competitive to survive the deep recession. Recovery could again put upward pressure on prices.

The producer price data showed a rise of only 0.1 per cent in factory gate prices in August, following an 0.4 per cent rise in July.

Excluding volatile items, such as food, drink and tobacco, the annual rise in output prices slowed from 5.1 per cent to 4.8 per cent. In the first quarter this year, it was still rising at an annual 6.3 per cent.

The cost of fuel and raw materials, which represent 40 per cent of manufacturers' total cost, fell unexpectedly in August, dropping a provisional 1.2 per cent, mainly because of cheaper metals and home-produced materials for the food industry.

Compared with August last year, raw material costs were 0.7 per cent lower, having shown an annual rise of 1.3 per cent in July. The stronger pound and weaker world commodity prices contributed to the decline.

Bill Martin, chief economist at UBS Phillips & Drew, said that the output price measure could still be overstating inflation, suggesting that the picture might be even better than officially portrayed.

The Confederation of British Industry has long been convinced that inflationary pressures have been effectively halted in manufacturing. The CBI expects a further decline in producer price inflation in the months ahead.

Mr Martin estimates that manufacturers' unit costs were rising at an annual 4 per cent in August, suggesting a recovery in profit margins. On a 12- to 18-month view, "Britain's inflation problem is licked," he said.

Keith Skeoch, chief economist at James Capel, predicted that core inflation is about to fall very substantially; to about 4 per cent by mid-1992, with a headline inflation rate of 3.25 per cent for most of next year.

Gerard Lyons, chief economist at DKB International, said, however, that the producer price improvement, while very good news, was the consequence of the weakness in the economy and large-scale price discounting. "We cannot say that there has been a permanent reduction until well into the next upturn."

The pound was unmoved by the data, as a base rate cut to 10 per cent has been largely discounted in the money market. The key three-month interbank rate closed at $10^{5}/_{32}$ per cent. Against the mark, sterling softened slightly at the end of the London trading day, to stand at DM2.9341 at 5pm. Its trade-weighted index ended 0.2 lower at 91.3.

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Savoy makes first loss for 12 years

By Gillian Bowditch

THE Savoy Hotel group made a pre-tax loss for the six months to end-June for the first time in 12 years. Giles Shepard, managing director, said that the Gulf war and the recession in Britain and America meant that the group faced its worst downturn since the beginning of the second world war.

The pre-tax loss was £674,000, compared with profits of £5.34 million last time. Turnover fell 19 per cent to £37 million and costs were cut by 9 per cent. Trading profits, which fell from £7.93 million to £2.98 million, were wiped out by the depreciation charge. Interest payable rose from £193,000 to £731,000 because of reduced turnover and capital expenditure of £6.1 million.

A taxation credit of £1.9 million, £1.4 million of which came from over-provision in previous years, led to a post-tax profit of £1.24 million. Earnings per A share fell from 12.3p to 4.3p, and they fell from 6.2p to 2.2p per B share. As usual, there is no interim dividend.

Mr Shepard said an operating loss was made in January, February and March, and the profit in the subsequent three months was not enough to cover the losses. The group decided not to discount prices but "added extra value" to visitors paying the full rate.

The "A" shares fell 32p to 638p.

● A report on the UK hotel industry by Howarth Consulting, part of Stoy Hayward, says the industry is unlikely to recover fully from the recession until 1993 at the earliest, but central London will still need more hotel beds by 1994.

Kravis's wife winds up firm

From Philip Robinson in New York

CAROLYNE Roehm, fashion designer wife of Henry Kravis, the management buyout king, has announced she is going out of business.

Mr Kravis, head of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, which controls 15 businesses with total turnover of $40 billion, was responsible for launching the world's largest takeover bid, a $25 billion deal for RJR Nabisco, the food and tobacco giant, in a leveraged buyout in 1987.

It is estimated Mr Kravis has put $20 million into Ms Roehm's business, which designs extravagant ballgowns for New York's party set.

Adrienne Kalligeros, of Carolyne Roehm Inc, denied the shutdown was based mainly on financial problems. "Money was not the problem," she said. But insiders say management expenses have soared and sales have slowed. At the height of her popularity, Ms Roehm's designs could be found in Saks Fifth Avenue, Nieman Marcus and Bergdorf Goodman.

Carolyne, who at 5ft 10in towers over Mr Kravis, did not mention finances. She said her husband "continued to extend his total and complete support of whatever I elected to do with my business", and stood ready to help Carolyne Roehm Inc through this tumultuous time."

The financial state of the company is unclear. It employs 65 people and will be wound down slowly according to its spokeswoman.

Roehm: designer gowns

Sparks fly over electricity prices

By Ross Tieman
Industrial correspondent

AN ENQUIRY has begun into the operation of rules governing the electricity spot market, or pool, after prices reached a new peak of 16.1p a unit during Monday afternoon.

In an unprecedented move, the Office of Electricity Supply has called for all relevant papers to explain how the pool price of power was ten times that set for the period of slack demand in the early hours of the morning. The committee that runs the pool has also begun a review to see how its rules operated on the day.

The price surge has renewed concern that the pool workings are unsatisfactory. Claims that the pool mechanism is open to abuse by National Power and PowerGen, the two largest generating companies in England and Wales, have followed the failure of prices to fall this summer, in spite of the seasonal weakening of electricity demand.

The generating companies deny any collaboration on prices. They, too, are alarmed at the abrupt surge in prices between 4pm and 5.30pm on Monday because they often buy from the pool to top up supplies that they have contracted to provide to regional power companies or industrial customers at a fixed price.

Large industrial customers, such as ICI, which buy some of their power direct from the pool may also face increased costs as a result.

Industry sources say prices rocketed when high cost gas turbines, kept to meet sudden surges in demand, were switched in to overcome a temporary shortfall in plant availability. Under the pool rules, the operating cost of the last generating plant turned on determines the price paid for power from all the other power stations.

Margaret Thompson, chief executive of the pool committee, said: "We are looking at how the rules worked on this occasion."

The committee has already modified the workings of the pool in response to past concerns.

A spokesman for National Power said his company knew of no reason for the surge in prices. His company had made its bids as normal, and there was nothing unusual about the pattern of plant that was out of service for maintenance. "There was no material change in the pattern of our bidding compared with the last few weeks," he said.

A PowerGen spokesman said: "We are aware of what happened to pool prices and it is under investigation for our own interest internally."

Integration on schedule: Stephen Walls, chief executive of Arjo Wiggins Appleton

Warning from AWA after 5% profits fall

By Jonathan Prynn

ARJO Wiggins Appleton, the Anglo-French paper and pulp group, has warned of a further deterioration in operating conditions during the second half of the year.

The unexpectedly bearish statement, combined with an interim dividend held at 3.3p, sent the shares tumbling 17p to 272p.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June were 5 per cent down at £135.5 million.

Cob Stenham, the chairman, said that difficult trading conditions would continue in Britain in the second half, while conditions would worsen in most other parts of Europe. America, however, had shown "the first, weak signs of improvement", he said.

Stephen Walls, the chief executive, added that while sales volumes had fallen only marginally in the first half, sales prices were showing year-on-year declines of between 6 and 27 per cent for paper and 30 per cent for pulp.

The paper manufacturing division increased its operating profits by 12 per cent to £142.2 million, but the pulp and forestry operations slumped to a £4.9 million operating loss from a £6.8 million profit.

Profits from paper merchanting fell from £14.3 million to £8.8 million.

Mr Walls said that the integration of Arjomari, the French group that merged with Wiggins Appleton in December, was "pretty well on schedule".

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US to press Abu Dhabi for Naqvi

By Our Business Staff

SENIOR American officials were last night trying to arrange for the deportation from Abu Dhabi of Swaleh Naqvi, former BCCI chief, to the United States, where he faces several charges in connection with investigations into the bank.

Mr Naqvi was detained, with more than 30 other senior executives from BCCI, by Abu Dhabi police on Sunday.

American embassy staff in Abu Dhabi were referring all enquiries to Washington but other western diplomats were sure they would be pressing to have Mr Naqvi sent to face charges in America.

For the moment, police inquiries are believed to be concerned only with possible breaches of local law. The police reportedly acted on the advice of a committee of investigation set up in Abu Dhabi to examine the allegations of fraud and mismanagement at the bank.

British embassy staff are seeking access to 12 British passport-holders among those being held in Abu Dhabi.

Beazer earnings subside to £60m

By Matthew Bond

SHARES in Beazer, the troubled construction group, fell 9p to 86p in response to worse than expected preliminary figures which showed pre-tax profits falling 43 per cent to £60.6 million. Later, the shares recovered slightly to close at 88p.

Analysts were concerned that the pre-tax figure for the year to June included £14.9 million of released provisions. If the restored provisions, which have been shown as an exceptional item, are stripped out, Beazer's underlying profits were £45.7 million, less than half last year's comparable figure. The final dividend is cut to 1.3p (5.05p), making a total of 4p (7.75p).

Brian Beazer, the chairman, described the results as "clearly disappointing". But he countered: "When viewed in the context of the harsh economic climate, they reflect well upon the performance and commitment of the group's management."

The profit figures were announced ahead of today's publication of the pathfinder prospectus for CHB Group, Beazer's British and European business, which is being sold to reduce its year-end debt of over £1 billion. Nearly all these debts date from the £960 million purchase of Koppers, the American aggregates company that Beazer bought in 1988. Beazer's banks now require the repayment of at least $600 million.

Between £450 million and £500 million is expected to be realised by the disposal of CHB through a stock market offer for sale. Following the disposal, Beazer will be based in America.

A geographical break down shows Beazer's UK activities contributing £53.7 million towards group operating profits of £124.4 million. The American contribution, most of which stemmed from Koppers, was £64.4 million, 42 per cent down on last year.

How these figures breakdown at the pre-tax level depends on the way in which Beazer's debt is apportioned. Virtually all of it is expected to remain with Beazer which, in the light of the group's interest charge of £73.7 million, indicates that the American businesses are losing money at the pre-tax level.

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DELTA

	1991 1st Half	1990 1st Half
	£m	
Turnover	389.6	415.5
Profit before tax	33.1	46.1
Earnings per share	14.3p	18.9p
Interim ordinary dividend	4.2p	4.2p

Copies of the Interim Report for the six months ended 29th June 1991 from which the above is an extract are available from 16th September from the Secretary, Delta plc, 1 Kingsway, London WC2B 6XF.
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SHT gives warning on debt pact

SCOTTISH Heritable Trust has given warning that its bankers have not yet agreed to extend a debt standstill agreement.

The troubled conglomerate, which earlier this year needed a temporary waiver of borrowing limits after gearing rose above 300 per cent, incurred losses of £3.15 million in the six months to end-June (£3.88 million loss).

Cantors slips

Cantors, the furnishing group that took over 23 Lowndes Queensway stores, incurred an £875,000 exceptional charge in respect of the acquisition in the year to end-April. Pre-tax profits fell from £3.98 million to £2.55 million, and the final dividend has been maintained at 3p, making an unchanged 4p for the year.

P&O listing

THE Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co plans to acquire a secondary listing for its shares on the Hong Kong stock exchange.

Lasmo rights

Lasmo, the oil exploration group, said Lasmo Canada, its North American subsidiary, was to raise Can$30 million *(£15 million) through a one-*for-seven rights issue of new shares at Can$6.50.

Beattie lower

James Beattie, the department store group, saw profits fall from £3.02 million to £2.37 million in the six months to end-July. The interim dividend is maintained at 1.4p.

Pittard revives

PITTARD Garnar, the leather group, is back in the black after dropping unprofitable business and cutting jobs. Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June were £1.04 million (£1.87 million loss). There is no interim dividend (0.25p).

EIS climbs

EIS, the aircraft parts group, reported a rise in pre-tax profits from £6.66 million to £7.05 million in the six months to end-June, and is lifting the interim dividend from 3.025p to 3.175p a share.

EC looks at cutting level for referral of mergers

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE European Commission is considering sharply reducing the threshold under which *large corporate mergers* are referred to Brussels for approval.

EC officials are expected to recommend that the threshold for a decision being taken by Brussels, rather than by member states' national competition authorities, be lowered from Ecu5 billion (about £3.7 billion) of combined turnover to Ecu3 billion (about £2.2 *billion*).

Such a move would increase the number of EC companies proposing mergers being decided by the EC's merger task force, rather than their national authorities.

The threshold, which came into operation last September, is due for review in 1993. Sir Leon Brittan, the competition commissioner, however, is likely to begin the review sooner, perhaps as early as next year.

EC leaders believe the scope of the commission's merger powers should be extended by reducing the threshold. They favour at least a 40 per cent reduction, from Ecu5 billion to Ecu3 billion, with some arguing for a cut to Ecu2 billion.

The likely proposals could also change a secondary threshold, which gives a proposed merger a Community dimension. Currently, a reference must be made to Brussels if the aggregate Community-wide turnover of at least two of the companies involved is Ecu250 million or more. EC officials believe this threshold should also be reduced, to Ecu150 million or more.

There are, however, no moves to change the third threshold — that mergers will escape EC attention if more than two-thirds of each party's sales are concentrated in one member state.

Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of the Office of Fair Trading, said yesterday that he believed it likely that a change in the thresholds would come in the next few years.

The OFT and the EC have differed in the past about the EC's merger task force having sole jurisdiction on large mergers — the so-called one-stop shop approach, which the EC *feels is central to the* operation of its competition policy.

Sir Gordon told the Confederation of British Industry conference in London that he did not argue against the one-stop shop approach, although he said it was wise for British companies involved in any large merger to keep the OFT informed.

He also gave a warning against direct or indirect interference in EC merger decisions by political manoeuvring in Brussels.

He was concerned that the college of the EC commissioners held the right to overturn a decision by the merger task force. Commissioners might be influenced on grounds of regional policy, or by ideas such as single, large European champions of a particular industry, and reject a task force decision.

Sir Gordon said of proposed decisions: "The belief that the proposal might be unacceptable to the college of commissioners may cause the merger task force to come to a less than satisfactory settlement."

He gave warning that in such cases, remedial action might have to be brought by a member state or an interested party in the European Court of Justice to right any merger decisions believed to be taken wrongly.

JAMES GRAY

Sceptical about recovery: Robert Easton, of Delta

Delta maintains payout

By MARTIN BARROW

DELTA, the electrical cables and engineering group, is maintaining its interim dividend at 4.2p a share, despite a fall in profits.

In the six months to end-June, pre-tax profits fell from £46.09 million to £33.06 million and earnings from 18.9p a share to 14.3p. The company, which is chaired by Dr Robert Easton, said it saw "few tangible signs of the much-heralded revival".

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Singer expands lending side

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

SINGER & Friedlander, the merchant bank, is expanding its lending operations in the Midlands in anticipation of a renewed demand for lending as the recession recedes.

Singer has recruited John Gregory, the head of banking at Henry Ansbacher, to head its banking operations in Birmingham.

John Hodson, chief executive, said the bank was looking for attractive lending opportunities. "We have a bank with masses of liquidity," he said. Singer is also expanding its corporate finance side, and its Spanish equity broking business.

News of Singer's plans came as it reported a further fall in earnings due to the recession. Pre-tax profits fell 7 per cent to £8.11 million in the first half of the year. The fall was suffered by the banking subsidiary, while the property and investment arms slightly increased profits. The result was sharply higher than in the second half of last year, however, when the bank made a large general provision against its £250 million loan book and incurred a £13.9 million loss on its stake in Ferrari, the computer company. The interim dividend stays at 1p.

The figures were restated to cover new rules governing Singer's convertible loans stock issue. The group will be forced to redeem the £32 million issue in a year.

Macarthy backs Lloyds Chemists bid

By OUR CITY STAFF

MACARTHY, the pharmaceuticals retailer and manufacturer, has recommended a £83.6 million cash-and-shares bid by Lloyds Chemists.

The decision was taken after a rival offer from UniChem, the drugs wholesaler, was referred to the monopolies commission last Friday. Lloyds, which already owns 22.5 per cent of Macarthy, urged shareholders to accept its offer, worth 301p a share.

UniChem, whose £74 million bid automatically lapsed *after being referred*, believes that the Lloyds offer will also be referred.

Grampian Holdings, which has bid 206.6p a share, has received OFT clearance.

Gulf war hits Templeton

AMERICANS' reluctance to invest abroad after the Gulf war led to the first-ever net withdrawal of funds at Templeton, Galbraith & Hansberger, the Bahamas fund management group.

Templeton's global funds saw net redemptions of $100 million in the first half of the year. But funds managed still grew by a tenth, to $17.5 billion, because of buoyant stock markets.

Lack of new investment and rising costs pushed pre-tax profits down 5 per cent to $33.6 million, but the interim dividend is being raised 2 cents to 7 cents.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Bank stops backing Ramar rights issue

SAMUEL Montagu has withdrawn its support for a crucial £5.8 million rights issue by Ramar Textiles. Blaming a sudden deterioration in Ramar's financial position, the merchant bank said yesterday that it was terminating its underwriting agreement for the five-for-two cash call.

An extraordinary meeting due to take place today to approve the fund-raising will be adjourned. Ramar shares were suspended on Monday at 14p, compared with the rights issue price of 8p. The company said production had been disrupted by its poor financial position and orders had suffered. Business with Marks and Spencer accounts for nine tenths of its turnover. Talks with advisers continue.

Bodycote rises 9.7%

BODYCOTE International, the metals technology group, has reported a 9.7 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits to £5.5 million, in the six months to end-June. Joe Dwek, chairman, said all the mainstream businesses had "demonstrated considerable resilience to adverse trading conditions." The interim dividend is 3.5p (3.25p).

Macro lifts payout 24%

MACRO 4, an independent software company specialising in IBM mainframe computers, is lifting dividend payments 24 per cent to 11p a share (8.9p) with a final of 7.175p. In the year to June 30, pre-tax profits rose 4 per cent to £7.65 million but earnings were up 12 per cent to 23p a share because of lower tax charges.

Page hit by jobs trend

MICHAEL Page, the recruitment agency group, is being hit by rising unemployment. Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June fell from £2.77 million to £2.09 million on turnover down from £29.5 million to £21.2 million. The interim dividend is maintained at 6p.

The group expects no short-term increase in trade, but says it still intends to develop a European network. The shares were unchanged at 37½p.

HCN drops to £636,000

DEPRESSED advertising cut taxable profits at Home Counties Newspapers Holdings, the local newspaper group, from £2.24 million to £636,000 in the six months to June 30. Trading losses were £23,000 (£1.38 million profit) and investment income £659,000 (£856,000). The interim dividend is held at 2.75p a share.

TLS Range in the red

TLS Range, the USM vehicle rental group, reported a pre-tax loss of £267,000 (£453,000 profit) for the six months to end-June. The group had warned shareholders to expect a loss. The shares rose 2p to 29p. Richard Birley, chairman, said turnover in July and August was ahead of budget. There is no interim dividend (1p).

PCT boosts margins

HIGHER margins offset a 5 per cent drop in turnover at PCT Group, the distributor of lifting and welding equipment, which reported taxable profits of £560,181 for the half-year to June 30, against £553,239. Turnover was £9.39 million, compared with £9.94 million.

Earnings slipped from 8.3p a share to 8p but the interim dividend is increased from 2.4p to 2.5p. The company said it had made an encouraging start to the second half.

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Inflation is down but not out

COMMENT

Britain's inflation problem is licked. That was how Bill Martin of UBS Phillips & Drew reacted to yesterday's news on producer prices, and most of the City agreed. Without wishing to spoil the party, a few health warnings are required. Producer price inflation of 5.6 per cent at the low point of the economic cycle is nothing to write home about. Even excluding the volatile food, drink and tobacco component on the grounds that this was exaggerated by April's budget measures, the annual increase of 4.8 per cent is not good enough to maintain British industry's *international* competitiveness. In Germany, the last producer price figures showed an annual increase of only 3.3 per cent and much of this was due to a once and for all increase in energy taxes. Excluding *this* increase, Germany's equivalent of the "underlying" PPI would be below 2.5 per cent. Even without such adjustments, Germany's PPI figures for August, due out later this week, are expected to drop below 3 per cent. Meanwhile in Japan, wholesale inflation is below ½ per cent on a year-on-year basis, and even in inflation-prone America, the wholesale price index is rising only 3½ per cent.

There are several mitigating factors for Britain. One is the sharp fall in the monthly rate of increase in the PPI, as opposed to the annual comparison. In the past three months, the seasonally adjusted PPI, excluding food drink and tobacco, has risen by an annualised rate of only 3.3 per *cent and this gives the best* picture of what is going on in industry at present. The other complication is the dispute between the government and the CBI over the accuracy of factory-gate price figures. The sharp fall in monthly producer inflation since the dreadful figures published from January to March suggests that the CBI was right when it argued that official statistics underestimated the extent of business to business discounting and was, therefore, a needlessly alarming gauge of underlying inflationary pressures. Whether the discounts are now creeping into the official price lists or whether the government statisticians are getting better at picking them up remains unclear. If it is the former effect, then the fall in inflation should prove more *enduring; one of the problems* about the CBI's emphasis on discounts is that a discount given in the dire straits of recession is all too easily taken away when business improves.

Quibbles like this are of little importance, however, compared with the fundamental reason for caution about PPI figures. Producer prices exclude the service sector and this is where most of the inflationary pressure in an advanced economy tends to be generated, except at unusual times such as oil crises. This is why monetary authorities in Germany and Japan continue to worry about inflation despite extremely good PPI figures. This caveat becomes all the more important in post-ERM Britain. A high exchange rate imposes discipline on the manufacturing sector, but its effect on services is *only indirect. Even if the PPI falls* fully into line with the rate in Germany, inflation in Britian may be down but not out.

CHB float

Today's pathfinder prospectus for the flotation of CHB Group, the British and European businesses of Beazer, is expected to show the nascent housebuilding and construction group made a pre-tax profit of more than £60 million in the year to end-June. Given that the latest results season has seen firms such as George Wimpey reporting an interim profit of a mere £200,000, the Beazer effort looks remarkable. Therein, just possibly, lies CHB's weakness.

Beazer is in a terrible mess, as yesterday's preliminary figures confirmed. But the prospects for the flotation of CHB, which should rank behind Tarmac, Wimpey and Barratt as Britain's *fourth* biggest housebuilder, could not be much brighter. True, it has to be said that as the results season gets into full flow, company chairmen are sticking rigidly to the downbeat script of "bumping along the bottom" and "no sign of any recovery yet". In the City, however, this admirable realism meets with distinctly short shrift.

This year's appalling profits are yesterday's news as far as the stock market is concerned. For *housebuilders* in particular — housebuilding accounted for almost 90 per cent of CHB profits last year — what matters now is 1992 and even 1993 results. The result is certain well known names in the sector standing on current year price earning multiples of more than 20 (in Wimpey's case, more than 30), which drop to middle teens on 1992 earnings and only fall to more conventional levels on 1993's forecasts.

That is comforting for chairman who have to stand up and report decimated 1990 profits. But for *Moger* Woolley, chairman of CHB, it could prompt the odd sleepless night, for if CHB can make a profit of £60 million in a year that others have decribed as the worst for half a century, what sort of improvement will he be required to deliver in years to come.

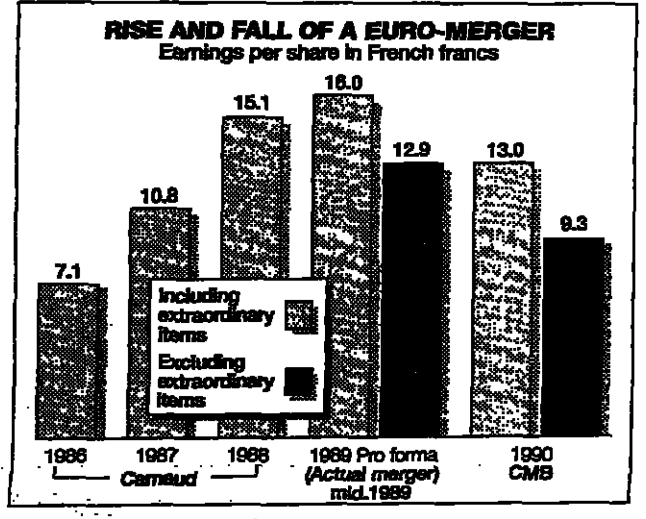
The housebuilding industry is braced for recovery. But investors looking at a way of profiting from this recovery must read the CHB pathfinder carefully to decide whether its £60 million profit was influenced by special factors or truly reflects its profit potential at the bottom of the housebuilding cycle.

Clashes of culture laced with French dressing

IF THE chips are down, a cynic once said about Anglo-French mergers, they will turn out to be French fries. Nobody, however, could have been cynical enough to predict the sorry saga of CMB Packaging, the Anglo-French group formed in 1989 through the *merger of the old Metal Box* company and Carnaud.

It is, perhaps, beside the point that CMB turned out to be more French than British. What is worrying is that the creation of Europe's largest packaging group, once celebratated as the quintessential role model for European companies, turned out to be a failure — so far, at least.

This afternoon, *les poussins* will come home to roost. CMB will announce disappointing interim profits and, if speculation is correct, the resignation of Jean-Marie Descarpentries as president. If true, M Descarpentries will be the latest in a series of executives to resign, including Alex Watson, for*merly deputy to M Descarp*entries, and Robert van den Heuvel, finance director.



RISE AND FALL OF A EURO-MERGER
Earnings per share in French francs

At the time of the merger, the companies were predicted to raise profits to Fr1.9 billion on sales of Fr32 billion by 1993. So far, the trend has been downward. In 1990, net profits fell 14 per cent to Fr1 billion, due to unforeseen *restructuring costs, and there* are few signs of an upturn.

What then went wrong with CMB, and what are the lessons for others considering a continental link?

On the surface, there were good reasons to be optimistic about CMB. The merger, worth about £800 million, had short-term financial attractions and there were compelling industrial benefits. Up to the late Eighties, the packaging industry was fragmented and the ensuing wave of mergers was the answer to the concentration process in the European consumer goods and food industries, the main buyers of packaging goods.

A testimony to the industrial logic was the takeover by Pechiney of American National Can in 1988, which turned out to be reasonably successful.

The companies' activities in CMB were also complementary. Carnaud was *strong in* France, Germany, Italy and Spain, while Metal Box was the leader in the British market, with some Italian activity. On a chart, published by Carnaud in 1988 and entitled "Our Vision", the relative strengths of Europe's leading packaging companies were represented by blobs, large and small, and it all fitted together rather neatly.

The chart was part of a document full of endlessly repeated phrases with quasi-religious undertones, such as the desire "to unleash the entrepreneurial passion of everybody" or to "share a collective dream". Carnaud described itself as a "community". To top it all, the collective waffle was expressed in mathematical terms: "Excellence = Motivation x Competence x Community." Carnaud's version of $E=MC^2$.

In the event, the real world interfered with the charts and the hollow phrases and highlighted differences in management philosophy. A packaging industry expert blamed a "clash of cultures at the top, an element of a personality clash". M Descarpentries was "flamboyant, a showman, an archetypal Frenchman, who throws his arms around, full of French management school ideas, like the inverted pyramid where the customers are at top and the management at the bottom". By contrast, the old Metal Box group operated with a typically British, top-down, centralised management approach.

Happier times: Mr Watson, left, with M Descarpentries

This clash of cultures at the *top level of the company led to* indecision about organisation and strategy. The decentralised French style of management, under which the units enjoy the greatest degree of independence, has its drawbacks, according to critics. There are no purchasing synergies, which a group the size of CMB could take advantage of, since purchasing decisions are taken at local plant level. Minimal central controls can lead to a cost explosion at sub*division level. The results are* higher working capital requirements than forecast and rising levels of debt.

All is not lost, however, particularly if a new management team rethinks the operation. The company's headquarters might move from Brussels to Paris, and CMB would become a genuinely *French, as opposed to fake* European, company. After all, the industrial logic of a large European packaging group remains as compelling today as it did two years ago.

One of the lessons of the CMB débâcle is that the "friendly" merger is the most dangerous form of cross European co-operation, particu*larly in the case of different* management styles.

Management styles are, unfortunately, different throughout Europe and present, therefore, a formidable limitation to European corporate integration. They vary from the authoritarian style of the Italian *padrone*, to the German consensus approach. Structures vary from the bureaucratically hierarchical to the decentralised. Of course, there are, also differences between companies in the same country, but none as great as the cross-country differences.

If cultures clash, the best way forward is either through outright takeover, where one culture triumphs over another, *or if that is impractical*, through a loose and simple arrangement of co-operation. CMB has paid a high price for its disregard of the difference in business cultures. There will be others.

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European Business Correspondent

AWA on course for success

TEMPUS

THE history of Anglo-French commercial ventures is not exactly littered with success stories. Even the Channel tunnel will be completed only after a century of delays. So Wiggins Teape Appleton's choice of a French partner, Arjo, to make its leap into the European *super league of* paper producers looks like a courageous move. The picture is further muddied by the complex shareholding structure of the merged group, although a standstill agreement locks in its French shareholder at no more than 40 per cent, at least until the end of the year.

The company admits that the integration is going more slowly than first expected, but the substantial savings that excited the market when the merger was announced late last year are still expected to flow through by the end of 1993. Stephen Walls, the chief executive, says he is "comfortable" with analysts' forecasts of £20-30 million annual savings at the end of the three-year integration programme.

As French investors might say, however, this is all *confiture demain.* Arjo Wiggins Appleton is still facing a severe recession in most of its markets with year-on-year sale prices down 6 to 13 per cent in the paper industry. Raw pulp prices have suffered most, however, falling by as much as 40 per cent from peak levels. The forestry and pulp division caused the most damage. In addition, an unexpectedly bearish trading statement for the second half of the year, combined with a maintained 3.3p interim dividend played havoc with the share price, which tumbled 20p.

Profits for the full year will be close to last year's £260 million, although earnings will be down because of an ACT problem caused by the faltering British profits stream. Earnings per share of 20p put the shares on a prospective rating of 14 times for 1991, falling to 12.5 times for 1992. Investors who have stayed with the company since the BAT demerger should hold for the benefits expected from the Arjo merger.

Delta

AT SOME stage in the eco*nomic cycle anecdotal evi*dence of improved business confidence will convert into a recovery in orders for the beleaguered industrial sector. When that occurs Delta will be better placed than most to benefit from an upturn in housing and commercial property markets.

Delta will emerge from the recession bloodied but unbowed. A 28 per cent decline in interim pre-tax profits to £33.1 million is a clear sign that the company is bearing the brunt of depressed demand for its cables, electrical circuit protectors, plumbing products and industrial services.

But the results were in line with City expectations and bear up well under comparison with recent reports from Delta's peers in the sector, such as IMI and BICC.

The company's long-term followers are attracted by a reputation for quite ruthless cash management. A tight rein on the purse strings has enabled Delta to maintain capital expenditure close to last year's levels, helping to support a well-timed drive into continental Europe and America. Gearing of 14 per cent is almost unchanged since the year-end and leaves scope for strategic cash purchases.

Despite a 26 per cent drop in earnings to 14.3p a share, the unchanged dividend of 4.2p is covered 3.4 times and there appears to be scope for a marginal improvement on last year's full payment of 14p.

The shares were down 13p at 412p yesterday, reflecting profit-taking after a strong run. Assuming full-year profits of about £70 million, a p/e of almost 15 looks fair.

An encouraging performance

The key points from the Group's Interim Report were as follows:-

"Against a background of increasingly difficult trading conditions . . . the Group's performance . . . has been *encouraging*."

"Significant progress has been made in implementing actions to achieve the benefits from the merger."

"The Group's paper manufacturing operations produced an excellent performance."

"Caution needs to be exercised in considering the second half-year outlook."

"The Group is better placed than most of its competitors to perform effectively."

"We remain confident about the prospects for the Group once overall economic conditions improve."

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	6 Months to 30.6.91 £'s m	Proforma 6 Months to 30.6.90 £'s m
Turnover	1,258.8	1,394.8
Pretax Profit	135.5	142.3
Operating Profit – Paper Manufacturing	142.2	126.9
– *Paper Merchanting*	8.8	14.3
– Forestry & Pulp	(4.9)	6.8
Total Operating Profit	146.1	148.0
Earnings per share	10.7p	11.7p
Dividend per share	3.30p	3.30p

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Payton to sell Stapleford

BOB Payton, the irrepressible New Yorker who is chairman of My Kinda Town, the private group that owns Chicago Pizza Pie Factory, Henry J Beans and sundry other curiously named theme restaurants, has decided to sell his other business venture — Stapleford Park, the 35-bedroom luxury country house hotel nestling in 500 acres near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. Payton, aged 47, has today put the hotel on the market with Humberts, and is inviting offers in excess of £6.5 million. He paid £600,000 for the property but spent a further £4 million restoring it to its former glory. "It is no longer a momma and pop organisation, it needs to go on to the next level now," says Payton, who has been living in the stable block with Wendy, his wife. "It needs investment in a swimming pool and leisure facilities, it needs development of the next 30 bedrooms, we've got planning permission for ten cottages, we've outlined permission for a golf course. We've made our contribution. The next guy is going to be a serious businessman, hotelier or resort operator and put in all the other stuff." Payton opened the award-winning hotel in May 1988, after a two-year battle, on both sides of the Atlantic, to raise the funds.

"Same problem — little demand for new paper"

Jungle survivor

OUT of the frying pan and into ... receivership? Such was the experience of Stephen Williams, founder of KBW Capital Markets, who flew back from a gruelling safari in Zambia — to find his new firm teetering on the edge. He returned to join Babcock Fulton Prebon, the money broker, just as its parent company passed into the hands of the receivers. There was a happy ending, however. The money broking side remains intact.

YET another addition to our list of collective nouns comes from a recent headmasters' conference. What do you call a collection of headmasters? A lack of principals.

Hope for the future

TIRED of the rat race? Why not follow the example of Tim Grandage, formerly of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, who chucked it all in a year ago to help the street orphans of Calcutta. Grandage, a burly rugby player, set up Future Hope, a small charity, with colleagues from the bank two years ago. Now he is back in London for the official UK launch of the charity next week.

Coup de Capel

JAMES CAPEL, which has seen many of its best analysts defect to rival firms in the past 18 months, has hit back with a double coup of its own. With one hand, it has poached Paul Hodges from Warburg Securities as insurance analyst covering the composites sector. With the other, it has snatched Jonathan Helliwell away from Kleinwort Benson to lead coverage of paper and packaging. Helliwell, aged 27, fills the hole left when Tony Pennie retired in July. Hodges, who had a spell with Kitcat & Aitken before joining Warburgs, is the hard-sought replacement for Tony Kay who left Capel six weeks ago and is rumoured to be about to make his City comeback.

JON ASHWORTH

BEC urges base rate cut to revive building industry

By Ross Tieman
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

Smith: four-pronged plan

A PLEA for a one-point cut in base rates and increased infrastructure spending to combat the recession in the construction industry has been made by John Smith, chairman of the Building Employers Confederation.

Outlining a four-pronged plan to BEC members in Morpeth, Northumberland, Mr Smith said the series of half-point base rate cuts had failed to revive the housing market, where 40,000 new homes remained unsold.

Mr Smith called on ministers to bring forward public investment programmes planned for later in the decade. He said recent reports showed £24 billion needed to be spent on the nation's housing stock, £4 billion on school repairs and £2 billion on hospitals.

He said the government should free local authorities to spend receipts from asset sales on urgently needed building work. He also argued for more spending on inner city programmes.

The construction industry has suffered more than almost any other industry in the recession and foresees a continued slide. Output in the first quarter was down 8 per cent on the same three months a year ago, and job losses are expected to reach 250,000 by the middle of next year.

Mr Smith said the housing market was suffering from a crisis of confidence.

"Private housebuilding shows no signs of picking up. The problem is not a question of affordability, or the availability of mortgage funds. Confidence is simply not there. Fear of unemployment and redundancy is keeping potential homeowners out of the market," he said.

Union to fight job cuts at Provincial

By Neil Bennett

UNION leaders have pledged to fight plans to cut 390 jobs at Provincial Insurance, the privately owned insurer, after the company announced a reorganisation programme to improve its performance.

Representatives of MSF, the financial services union, will meet the company on Friday to demand more details of the plans. These include the loss of almost a fifth of the group's workforce and the closure of four of its nine administration centres.

In a statement yesterday, Provincial said it would offer voluntary redundancies and early retirement, but there would be unavoidable compulsory redundancies at its head office in Kendal, Cumbria, and at the four centres due to close. Underwriting operations will be untouched.

Tony Whiteley, MSF's national officer for financial services, said his union opposed compulsory redundancies and would negotiate with the company to look at alternatives. He said: "We had seen there were difficulties at the company but this is a very severe cull of the workforce."

Last year, the downturn in the insurance industry slashed Provincial's pre-tax profits 78 per cent to £6.3 million.

Hyster to expand plant

By Robert Rodwell

HYSTER, the American forklift truck maker, has announced a £31 million expansion of its plant at Craigavon, Co Armagh. The project, backed by the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board, will increase the 380-strong workforce to 720 over the next three years.

Production will be double the current level of 13,000 trucks a year. Peter Brooke, Northern Ireland secretary, yesterday opened a paint shop at the plant which makes all Hyster's lift trucks weighing between one and a quarter and three tonnes.

Philip Frazier, chairman and chief executive, said Craigavon was the most cost-effective of Hyster's nine factories in Europe, America and Brazil.

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Application has been made to the Council of The International Stock Exchange for each further tranche of stock to be admitted to the Official List.

Copies of the prospectuses for 9 per cent Treasury Loan, 1994 dated 17th July 1969, 10¼ per cent Exchequer Stock, 1997 dated 14th October 1977 and 9¼ per cent Treasury Loan, 1999 dated 12th January 1973 may be obtained from the Bank of England, New Issues, Southgate House, Southgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 1UW.

The Stocks are repayable at par, and interest is payable half-yearly, on the dates shown below:

Stock	*Redemption date*	*Interest payment dates*
9 per cent Treasury Loan, 1994	17th November 1994	17th May 17th November
10¼ per cent Exchequer Stock, 1997	21st February 1997	21st February 21st August
9¼ per cent Treasury Loan, 1999	15th January 1999	15th January 15th July

The further tranches of stock will rank for a full six months' interest on the next interest payment date applicable to the relevant Stock.

Each of the Stocks referred to in this notice is specified under paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 as a gilt-edged security (under current legislation exempt from tax on capital gains, irrespective of the period for which the Stock is held).

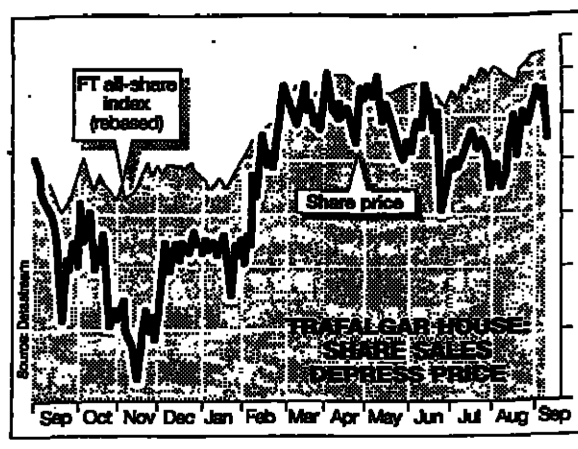
Government Statement
Attention is drawn to the statement issued by Her Majesty's Treasury on 29th May 1985 which explained that, in the interest of the orderly conduct of fiscal policy, neither Her Majesty's Government nor the Bank of England or their respective servants or agents undertake to disclose tax changes decided on but not yet announced, even where they may specifically affect the terms on which, or the conditions under which, these further tranches of stock are issued or sold by or on behalf of the Government or the Bank; that no responsibility can therefore be accepted for any omission to make such disclosure; and that such omission shall neither render any transaction liable to be set aside nor give rise to any claim for compensation.

BANK OF ENGLAND
LONDON

9th September 1991

STOCK MARKET

Failed rally leaves index 22 lower in edgy trading



SHARE prices spent another nervous session with investors remaining entrenched on the sidelines before Friday's retail price index.

Market-makers seemed happy to continue marking prices lower in the hope of attracting sellers and squaring their books after the market's recent strong run. Selling pressure remained light and by the close only 467 million shares had changed hands.

Attempts at a rally ended in failure with the FT-SE 100 index closing near its worst of the day, 22.4 down at 2,630.8, after another weak start to trading on Wall Street, where brokers are starting to take a pessimistic view of short-term prospects. The FT index of 30 shares ended 16.7 down at 2,071.3.

Worries about a heavily discounted rights issue from **British Aerospace** continued to weigh heavily with the market. The shares again lost ground before today's half-year figures with the price touching 499p before rallying to close 10p lighter at 508p – a two-day deficit of 47p.

Whispers round the Square Mile claim the group is hoping to raise about £500 million by way of a one-for-three rights issue at 450p a share. On Monday, the group warned that pre-tax profits would fall short of market expectations.

Government securities spent a volatile session reversing earlier gains of £¼ at the longer end.

British Steel eased 1p, to 121½p, after Warburg Securities, the broker, executed a bought deal on 8 million shares. Warburg is thought to have bought the shares at 118½p and sold them on at 119½p.

The dollar's continued weakness provided further problems for the big overseas earners. There were losses for **Glaxo**, 21p lower at £13.25, **ICI**, 5p cheaper at £13.21, and **Reuters**, 4p lighter at 891p. **Fisons** jumped 9p to 510p hoping to gain American approval soon for Tilade, its latest drug.

BTR, the acquisition minded industrial conglomerate, firmed 2p, to 428p, after a presentation for fund managers arranged by Hoare Govett, the broker.

Half-year figures from **Arjo Wiggins Appleton** disappointed the market leaving the shares sliding 19p to 270p. Pre-tax profits were down 5 per cent at £135.5 million, and the failure to increase the dividend was badly received.

Delta fell 26p to 399p after half-year figures showing pre-tax profits sliding from £46.09 million to £33.06 million.

Beazer, the construction group, fell 7p to 88p after reporting a sharp drop in pre-tax profits from £105.7 million to £60.6 million and a cut in the dividend. The group gave warning that immediate prospects remained tough. The group is about to publish a pathfinder prospectus for the flotation of its European operations.

Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank, firmed 2p to 42p, in spite of interim pre-tax profits receding from £8.7 million to £8.11 million. The figures were better than the market was going for and banking profits of £4.3 million compared favourably with the £1.5 million reported in the second half of last year.

Trafalgar House, the shipping to property and construction group, was another weak market, losing 15p at 230p on talk of a profit downgrading from James Capel, the broker. Sir Nigel Broackes, the chairman, has also been selling shares in the company. Speculators have seen this as a sign to take profits after their recent speculative run on hopes of a bid from BAe. The rest of the market was ready to congratulate Sir Nigel on a shrewd deal, which has landed him a handsome profit.

Asda, the supermarket chain, recovered an early fall to finish all-square at 99p with dealers reporting heavy activity on the inter-dealer board. There were falls for **Argyll**, 5p to 305p, **J Sainsbury**, 7p to 365p, and **Tesco**, 3p to 279p.

Invergordon, the distiller, jumped 10p to 269p ahead of figures. There has also been talk that Seagram, the Canadian distiller, may be ready to enter the fray after the unwanted £197 million bid from Whyte & Mackay.

There were few other positive moves in the drinks sector, although **Whitbread A** advanced 7p to 504p, helped by recommendations from Warburg Securities and Hoare Govett.

MICHAEL CLARK

Caird, the waste disposal group, was steady at 100p ahead of results today that are expected to show pre-tax profits down from £5.7 million to £3 million. Severn Trent still has almost 30 per cent of the shares after last year's abortive bid. Caird is retaining Brunswick and Financial Dynamics, two financial public relations firms. The possibility of another bid cannot by ruled out.

WALL STREET

Dow erases gains in early trading

New York
BLUE chips erased slim early gains to post a loss in morning activity. The decline was exacerbated by futures-related selling, traders said.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 13.20 points to 2,993,96 in early trading. Falling shares took a seven-to-three lead over rising shares.

George Pirrone, senior trader at Dreyfus, said some quality stocks were under pressure and there was continued weakness in some retailers. "It wasn't a piece of news that drove the market down. People are nervous," he said. Bond prices also reversed a modest gain to ease.

☐ **Tokyo** — The Nikkei average was down 162.40 points, or 0.72 per cent, to 22,411.58.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index finished 18.73 points higher at 3,959.27 while the Hong Kong index rose 12.57 to 2,748.91.

☐ **Sydney** — The all-ordinaries index closed at 1,558.1, down 6.5 points.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax ended 3.94 points lower at the day's high of 1,629.12 after falling to 1,621.78. *(Reuter)*

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 2990.38 (–16.78)*
S&P Composite .... 386.06 (–2.51)*

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average ... 22411.58 (–162.40)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 3959.27 (+18.73)
FT-SE Euro 100 .... 1112.84 (–4.04)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 92.2 (–0.2)

Sydney: AO .... 1558.1 (–6.4)
Frankfurt: DAX .... 1629.12 (–3.94)

Brussels:
General .... 5617.93 (–15.98)
Paris: CAC .... 488.95 (–1.61)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 529.7 (–3.5)
London:
FT.—A All-Share .... 1269.64 (–9.21)
FT.— "500" .... 1408.56 (–9.84)
FT. Gold Mines .... 162.8 (+1.3)
FT. Fixed interest .... 95.89 (+0.43)
FT. Govt Secs .... 87.05 (+0.11)
Bargains 28162
SEAQ Volume 467.1m
USM (Datastream) .... 128.07 (same)

*Denotes midday trading price

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 9	September 20	December 5	December 16

Call options were taken out on: 10/9/91 Saatchi & Saatchi, Thames TV, Tuskar Res, United Scientific.
Puts & Calls: Burton Group, Saatchi & Saatchi.

Wall Street prices have been held out due to pressure on space

COMPANY BRIEFS

HERRING SON & DAW (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.8m (£1.8m)
EPS: 9.74p (9.71p)
Div: 3.25p (3p)
Company had £2m in bank at half-year end. Only "modest" improvement in agency activities expected in second half.

RPS GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £0.3m (£0.9m)
EPS: 1.64p (5.03p)
Div: 1.4p (1.4p)
Improvement in trading expected in second half. Cost base has been cut and margins expected to rise. Turnover down to £4.6m.

SEVERFIELD-REEVE (Int)
Pre-tax: £0.5m (£1.3m)
EPS: 3.24p (8.2p)
Div: 1p (1p)
Chairman says that company started second half with "good order book". Margins achieved are above the industry average.

LAMBERT HOWARTH (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.5m (£1.3m)
EPS: 18.6p (16.4p)
Div: 4p (3.6p)
Company reports no sign of an upturn in retail trading. Cost cutting continues. Result in the second half "will not disappoint".

MICKLEGATE GRP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £0.8m loss
EPS: 2.79p loss
Div: 0.5p (1.5p)
Pre-tax profits last year were £2.3m and earnings were 8.43p. No interim dividend was paid (nil). Final will not be paid until April 6.

MERCHANTS TRUST (Int)
Pre-tax: £9m (£8.4m)
EPS: 6.04p (5.7p)
Div: 2.5p (2.25p)
Second quarterly dividend makes 5p (4.5p) for the first half. Net assets per share are 21 per cent up at 231.7p (191.3p).

FERRUM HOLDINGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.4m (£1.1m)
EPS: 3.82p (3.34p)
Div: 1.1p (1p)
Signs of slow down in Dutch economy which could affect structures division in second half. Chairman to retire at year end.

GASKELL (Int)
Pre-tax: £0.1m (£1.1m)
EPS: 0.6p (13.9p)
Div: 3p (3p)
Gearing "contained" at 40 per cent. Company does not foresee improvement in its markets before the year end.

ROBINSON BROS (Int)
Pre-tax: £0.7m (£0.4m)
EPS: 25p (10p)
Div: nil (nil)
Company says there is no reason to expect a downturn in the second half of the year. Turnover is £12.1m (£10.5m).

OSPREY COMMS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £0.9m (£1.6m)
EPS: 4.67p (8.38p)
Div: 1.35p, mkg 2.7p
Dividend last year was 4.35p. Chairman said profits during first two months of current year were best ever for the period.

PARAMBE (Int)
Pre-tax: £1,450 (£0.06m)
EPS: 0.02p (0.66p)
Div: 0.55p (0.55p)
Profits were hit by higher interest charge of £55,000. Ashlar, the art dealing subsidiary, saw stocks rise significantly.

HAGGAS (JOHN) (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.8m (£0.7m)
EPS: 5.6p (1.93p)
Div: 3p, mkg 3p.
Dividend last year was 2p. Outlook is described as "promising", with order books lengthening in all manufacturing areas.

P-E INTERNATL (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.8m (£2.8m)
EPS: 6.7p (10.3p)
Div: 2p (2p)
Figures do not include a contribution from Hanley Walker. Outlook still uncertain. Emphasis on organic growth in future.

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INTERIM RESULTS
SIX MONTHS TO 30 JUNE

	1991	1990
Turnover	£350m	£324m
Profit before tax	£24.2m	£27.3m
Earnings per share	8.0p	9.5p
Dividend per share	3.45p	3.30p

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

*Most creditable result in difficult economic conditions

*Acquisitions continue in Europe and USA

*Gearing contained at 20%

*Better second quarter levels maintained into second half

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RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Split (100p)	104
Airbreak Leis	36
Alliance Res	20
Capital Ventures	110
Claremont Gmts (175p)	189
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	109 +1
County Smlr Inv	95 –1
Culver Hldgs (4p)	5½
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	100
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	68
East Germany Inv (100p)	120
Ebonbrook	68
Eurocamp (225p)	243
Fleming Emerg Mkt	99
Gartmore Inc (100p)	110 +2
Gartmore Cap (100p)	97
Geared Inc (100p)	103
Greencore	220
Headline Book (100p)	129
Kleinwort High Inc	106
Lowndes Lambert (290p)	319 –1
Manchester Utd (385p)	285
Mirror Group (125p)	100 –1
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	108 –1
Oryx Gold	137
Simpson of Cornhl	47
Sterling Tst	46
Tollgate	100
Trio Inv Tst (50p)	44
US Smaller	105

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES

Benson Gp N/P	2½
Capital&Cts N/P	9 +4
Kleen-E-Zee N/P	3
Mayflower N/P	1
Pelican Gp N/P	2

(Issue price in brackets).

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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyons	550	67	77	92	6½	14	18
(*603)	600	32	46	61	21	31	37
	650	13	26	38	55	58	63
ASDA	80	21	23	24	1	2	3
(*99)	90	11½	16	17	2	4	5½
	100	5	9½	11½	6	7½	9½
Bass	929	70	-	-	6	-	-
(*983)	977	35	-	-	21	-	-
	1026	15	-	-	52	-	-
Boots	390	55	61	72	1½	4½	6½
(*441)	420	29	40	51	5	12	15
	460	8	18	29	25	32	34
Br Airways	160	35	38	42	1½	3½	4½
(*189)	180	16	22	29	3½	8	10
	200	5½	12	18	12	18	20
BP	300	47	50	53	1	2	4½
(*343)	330	20	27	32	3½	8½	11½
	360	4	11	16	20	24	27
Br Steel	120	7	9	12½	4	6½	8
(*122)	130	3	4½	8	9	13	14
	140	1	2½	4½	19	21	21
C & W	500	81	92	-	3	8	-
(*573)	550	37	55	72	8½	19	25
	600	12	30	45	35	45	47
CU	460	65	80	-	1½	4	-
(*518)	500	31	49	57	7	13	20
	550	6½	19	30	37	41	45
Courtauld	420	87	94	106	1	3	6
(*497)	460	49	61	75	4	10	13
	500	21	35	50	16	22	25
GKN	330	53	64	69	1½	5	10
(*374)	360	27	42	48	6	13	19
	390	9½	25	31	21	27	35
Grand Met.	800	53	76	87	9	23	30
(*832)	850	22	46	60	30	45	52
	900	7	25	38	67	75	80
ICI	1300	65	114	128	27	43	65
(*1322)	1350	38	87	100	50	65	87
	1400	20	63	77	84	90	112
Kingfisher	500	76	93	107	3	6	9
(*573)	550	36	51	73	9	17	21
	600	9½	28	44	34	43	47
Ladbroke	260	26	31	39	4½	9½	14
(*280)	280	10½	20	27	13	18	23
	300	4	13	19	27	32	34
Land Sec	460	75	80	90	1½	3½	4½
(*530)	500	36	45	58	3½	10	12
	550	7	16	30	27	33	38
M & S	260	27	33	41	2	5	7
(*282)	280	12	20	28	7	12	14
	300	4	10½	17½	20	23	25
Sainsbury	326	48	54	-	1	3	-
(*365)	356	22	31	-	4	9	-
	386	6½	16	-	21	24	-
Shell	460	66	75	80	2	4½	7
(*524)	500	29	45	50	6	12	20
	550	4½	16	21	39	40	48
Smkl Beech	750	49	71	90	10½	21	27
(*779)	800	21	44	61	32	43	47
	850	6	24	40	73	75	77
Storehse	110	12	16	18	2½	6	7
(*120)	120	6	10	13	6	10	13
	130	2½	5½	9½	14	17	18
Trafalgar	231	13	20	-	10	21	-
(*230)	251	6	11½	-	23	32	-
	271	2½	6	-	41	51	-
Ultramar	260	17	26	29	6	10	16
(*268)	280	7	15	18	16	19	26
	300	4	9	-	36	36	-
Unilever	650	127	-	-	2	-	-
(*769)	700	78	94	-	3	8	-
	750	37	56	72	12	22	28
	800	11	29	45	39	47	53
Utd Bisc	360	41	47	54	4	7	12
(*395)	390	17	29	36	13	18	24
	420	6	15	22	33	36	40
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA	390	73	79	-	2	5	-
(*452)	420	47	55	67	5	12	15
	460	20	30	43	19	25	30
BAT Ind	650	40	61	70	12	19	27
(*678)	700	14	32	43	40	47	51
	750	5	17	25	87	87	90
	800	2	8	16	135	135	136
BTR	390	41	52	58	5	8	15
(*428)	420	20	33	38	16	22	27
	460	5½	15	21	44	46	50
Br Aero	500	25	40	47	22	28	35
(*506)	550	8	20	27	60	63	70
	600	3½	9	14	110	110	113
Br Telecm	360	43	48	56	4	7½	10
(*392)	390	21	29	38	11½	18	22
	420	8	15	24	30	35	38
Cadbury	390	27	42	47	16	20	26
(*396)	420	16	27	30	33	37	42
	460	7	14	19	63	66	66
Guinness	950	87	112	125	9½	17	27
(*1015)	1000	49	76	95	25	35	45
	1050	25	50	68	53	62	67
GEC	180	23	25	30	2	4½	5½
(*196)	200	9	13	18	8	11½	12½
	220	2½	5½	9	25	25	26
Hanson	200	24	26	28½	2	5½	7½
(*217)	220	9	12	17	8	15	16½
	240	2½	4½	9½	23	29½	30½
LASMO	300	30	41	45	7	11½	16
(*317)	330	12	22	28	21	26	31
	360	5	11	17	46	46	49
P & O	500	77	94	-	3	7	-
(*564)	550	38	57	67	14	21	31
	600	14	32	41	43	48	55
Pilkington	140	29	33	-	2½	5½	-
(*165)	160	15	20	26	7	12	16
	180	6½	11	16	20	26	28
Prudential	240	19	28	31	5	8	11
(*252)	260	8	17	20	15	17	20
	280	3	9	12	31	32	33

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Racal Elec.	200	46	55	-	6	10	-
(*234)	220	33	44	-	13	18	-
	240	22	33	-	22	30	-
Racal Tel	300	49	57	-	3½	7	-
(*339)	330	25	34	-	11	17	-
	360	10	22	-	28	32	-
RTZ	550	50	70	77	8	15	23
(*584)	600	20	38	47	30	35	49
	650	7	20	27	74	74	75
Scot New	360	63	67	-	2	6	-
(*415)	390	38	45	57	6	13	17
	420	18	28	40	18	26	30
Tesco	260	27	35	40	4	6	8
(*279)	280	13	22	27	9½	13	16
	300	6	12	17	23	25	26
Thames W.	350	47	53	-	3	5	-
(*386)	370	31	38	-	5½	11	-
	400	10	18	-	19	24	-
Lucas	140	18	20	23	4½	7	8½
(*154)	160	6	9	14	15	18	19
	180	2	4½	8	32	32	34
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Fisons	460	53	66	79	3	8	13
(*509)	500	23	39	52	13	22	27
	550	5	17	28	48	48	50
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abbey Nat.	280	22	34	41	1	5	8½
(*300)	300	6	20	27	6	12	17
	330	1	7½	13½	31	32	35
Amstrad	45	8½	10	12	1½	3	4½
(*53)	50	4	7	9½	2½	5	6½
	60	1½	3½	5	9	10	12
Barclays	420	56	70	80	1	4	9½
(*476)	460	19	38	52	4½	14	22
	500	2	18	29	30	35	42
Blue Circ	240	34	39	47	1½	4	7
(*273)	260	14	23	33	3½	9½	13½
	280	3	12	22	16	20	24
Br Gas	240	33	40	43	1	1½	4
(*271)	260	14	24	27	2	6	9
	280	2½	11½	16	11	14	18
Dixons	240	30	38	45	2	5	9
(*266)	260	12	24	32	4½	13	16
	280	4	14	22	15	20	23
Eurotunnel	420	70	90	100	1½	12	16
(*482)	460	32	55	75	4½	24	37
	500	11	35	55	30	45	55
Forte	260	35	39	46	1	3½	5½
(*289)	280	15	23	30	2½	8	11
	300	4	12	20	11	18	21
Glaxo	1300	42	103	137	14	43	53
(*1331)	1350	20	72	110	40	67	75
	1400	7	47	83	77	95	107
Hawker	550	57	67	80	2	12	19
(*595)	600	13	35	51	12	32	36
	650	3	16	32	55	60	65
Hillsdown	200	53	58	58	1	1	2
(*251)	220	34	39	43	1	3½	7
	240	15	23	29	3½	8	13
Lonrho	220	20	29	31	1½	5	10½
(*237)	240	5½	16	19	7	12	21
	260	1½	7½	10	24	26	34
Midland	220	34	43	49	1	5	7
(*251)	240	14	28	36	3½	10	14
	260	4	16	25	13	21	26
Reuter	800	97	128	150	2	14	27
(*891)	850	55	93	118	8	28	42
	900	20	62	87	28	52	64
	950	5½	40	64	67	82	92
R-Royce	130	12	16½	20	2½	5½	8
(*139)	140	4	10	14	7½	10	14
	160	1	3½	6½	24	26	27
Sears	70	23	23	25	1	1	1½
(*92)	80	13	14	16½	1	2	3½
	90	4	7½	10	3	5½	7
Thorn EMI	700	111	124	134	1	6	10
(*806)	750	63	82	96	2	13	22
	800	22	47	65	12	33	38
	850	4	24	42	47	61	65
TSB	130	24	28	30	1	1½	2½
(*152)	140	14	20	22	1	3	5
	160	1½	7½	10½	9	11½	13½
Vaal Reefs	60	5	10	12	1½	5½	7½
(*$65)	70	1½	4½	7½	8	10	13
Wellcome	650	79	97	119	1½	13	21
(*719)	700	34	62	87	8	29	38
	750	9	37	62	35	54	60
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastn Elec	160	30	34	36	2½	4	6
(*185)	180	14	20	23	6	10	12
	200	5	10	14	18	22	24
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Nat Power	130	24	29	31	1	1½	3
(*154)	140	15	20	22	2	3½	6
	160	2½	9	11	9	12	15
Scot Power	90	18	20	-	1	1½	-
(*107)	100	8	12	-	1	3	-
	110	1	6	-	5	6	-

FT-SE INDEX (*2632)

	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700	2750
Calls						
Sep	160	112	67	28	10	3½
Oct	177	135	96	64	38	20
Nov	200	160	121	92	64	43
Dec	227	187	146	113	82	60
Jun	320	-	245	-	190	-
Puts						
Sep	4	6	12	34	65	115
Oct	13	22	32	53	78	120
Nov	24	33	44	64	88	120
Dec	30	42	55	73	98	130
Jun	80	-	118	-	150	-

September 10, 1991 Total: 27496 Calls 11772 Puts 15724 FT-SE: Calls 2337 Puts 6127
*Underlying security price.

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,908	Cadbury	1,138	Lonrho	947	Royal Bank	1,081
Alld-Lyons	2,130	CU	1,123	Lucas	1,419	Royal Ins	5,123
Anglian	282	Courtaulds	713	M&S	3,243	Sainsbury	1,490
ASDA	4,827	Enterprise	474	Maxwell Cm	980	Scot & N	615
AB Foods	546	Eurotunnel	148	MEPC	525	Scot Power	5,809
Argyll	1,799	Fisons	1,143	Midland	2,819	Sears	1,794
Arjo Wigg	8,766	Forte	2,878	Natl Power	3,210	Severn Trnt	846
BAA	1,585	Gen Acc	1,536	Nat West	1,910	Shell	2,385
BET	2,040	GEC	2,618	N W Water	472	Smith & N	1,822
BTR	1,416	Glaxo	2,224	P&O	870	SK Beech	1,187
BAT	2,407	Grand Met	1,764	Pearson	865	Sun Allnce	1,616
Barclays	2,193	GUS 'A'	351	Pilkington	2,057	Tarmac	1,497
Bass	928	GRE	2,235	PowerGen	2,984	Tate Lyle	1,018
BICC	495	Guinness	2,070	Prudential	3,595	TSB	1,948
Bk Scotlnd	634	Hanson	6,506	Racal	10,823	Tesco	3,810
Blue Circle	794	Hawker	639	Rank	436	Thames Wtr	339
BOC	544	Hillsdown	2,180	R&C	962	Thorn EMI	397
Boots	1,341	ICI	453	Redland	414	Trafalgar	3,098
Br Aero	2,652	Inchcape	611	Reed	932	Ultramar	944
Br Airways	2,445	Kingfisher	1,015	Rentokil	1,270	Unilever	752
Br Gas	3,574	Lasmo	1,367	Reuters	780	United Bis	1,409
Br Petrol	5,857	Ladbroke	1,841	RMC Gp	289	Wellcome	1,065
Br Steel	1,946	Land Sec	943	RTZ	1,597	Whitbrd	2,324
Br Telecm	4,306	L&G	545	R-Royce	5,072	Williams	1,619
C&W	2,519	Lloyds	2,061	Rothmans 'B'	224	Willis Cor	1,236

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Widespread losses

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began September 2. Dealings end September 13. §Contango day September 16. Settlement day September 23.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	YRM	Building,Roads	
2	Kelt Energy	Oil,Gas	
3	Helical Bar	Property	
4	McKechnie	Industrials L-R	
5	Macfarlane	Industrials L-R	
6	Tibbet & Britten	Transport	
7	CIA Gp	Paper,Print,Adv	
8	Barr & WA 'A'	Leisure	
9	Menzies (John)	Drapery,Stores	
10	Unilever	Industrials S-Z	
11	Morland	Breweries	
12	Prowting	Building,Roads	
13	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
14	Trafford Park	Property	
15	Scot & New	Breweries	
16	Lookers	Motors,Aircraft	
17	Polypipe	Industrials L-R	
18	EIS	Industrials E-K	
19	Grampian	Leisure	
20	Powerscreen	Industrials L-R	
21	BPP	Newspapers,Pub	
22	Mersey Docks	Transport	
23	Avon Rubber	Industrials A-D	
24	Scholes Grp	Electricals	
25	Nestor-BNA	Industrials L-R	
26	Morr O'Ferrall	Paper,Print,Adv	
27	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
28	Allied Lon	Property	
29	Marshalls	Building,Roads	
30	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
31	Diploma	Industrials A-D	
32	Fife Indmar	Industrials E-K	
33	Kelsey Ind	Industrials E-K	
34	TIP Europe	Transport	
35	Goodhead	Paper,Print,Adv	
36	*Watson & Philip*	*Foods*	
37	Perry Gp	Motors,Aircraft	
38	Admiral	Electricals	
39	Williams Hldgs	Industrials S-Z	
40	Western Selection	Electricals	
41	Banks (Sidney C)	Foods	
42	Wood (Arthur)	Industrials S-Z	
43	Security Serv	Industrials S-Z	
44	News Intl	Newspapers,Pub	
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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £16,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Two readers shared the Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. R Webber, of Effingham, Surrey, and B Large, of Eye, Suffolk, each receive £1,000.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
512	390	Provident	481	487	-4	32.0	6.6	10.6
45	24	Rea Bros	35	37●	–	0.7	2.0	–
211	147	Ryl Bk Scot	184	186	-2	11.2	8.1	8.7
915	640	Schroders	805	820	–	18.7	2.0	18.2
417	205	Stand Chart	355	360●	-3	14.9	4.2	19.6
165	124	TSB	151	153●	-1	8.5	5.6	12.5
600	230	Union Disc	245	250	-1	46.7	18.8	9.6
520	314	Warburg SG	500	505	-5	21.3	4.2	12.5
177	109	Do 6% 'A'	169	172●	-1	8.0	4.7	
58	25	Wells Fargo	41¼		-¼	–	–	–
222	128	Westpac	213	217	-3	–		
353	285	Wintrust	280	295●	–	12.4	4.3	10.6

BREWERIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
853	480	Allied-Lyons	602	604	-8	25.1	4.2	22.8
10¼	882	Bass	980	985	-2	44.4	4.5	10.2
175	124	Boddington	157	160	-1	8.0	5.0	12.2
258	173	Bulmer (H P)	250	257	–	11.1	4.4	15.9
143	105	Burtonwood Brew	105	115	+1	5.7	5.2	16.8
245	135	Devenish (JA)	197	205	+2	7.3	3.6	14.8
84	51	Fosters Brewing Gp	81	83	-1	–	–	–
850	623	Grand Met	830	833●	-5½	28.3	3.4	15.0
369	274	Greenall	383	387	-2	13.9	3.6	14.0
489	374	Greene King	485	493	+7	14.4	2.9	15.7
10¼	717	Guinness	10¼	10⅛	-⅛	25.0	2.5	15.9
10	870½	Hardys & Hansons	10	10¼	..	47.6	4.7	12.3
305	225	Highland Distl	287	295	–	6.6	2.3	22.1
269	120	Invergordon Distl	265	273	+10	6.7	2.5	22.2
483	420	Mansfield	455	465	–	16.1	3.5	12.8
218	185	Marston Thompson	205	210	–	6.0	2.9	14.9
428	357	Matthew Clark	422	430●	–	18.7	4.4	14.4
335	233	Morland	320	335	+5	8.9	2.7	18.6
11	558	SA Breweries	10⅛	10⅜	–	–	–	–
425	336	Scot & New	413	417	+1	20.0	4.8	12.2
254	174	Vaux Group	229	235	-3	11.8	5.1	12.0
514	409	Whitbread 'A'	502	505	+7	21.7	4.3	12.7
13¼	13	Do 'B'	13	13⅛	–	21.7	1.6	33.5
580	380	Wolverhampton & D	575	585	+1	12.9	2.2	16.4
470	389	Young 'A'	455	470	–	17.3	3.7	17.2

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ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Mastertrst Acc	90.50	96.79	-0.20	2.11
Intl	62.67	66.67	-0.27	1.32
Div/Gth	52.38	55.70	-0.27	5.39
Global Gth Sec	32.11	33.43	-0.13	1.80
Ethical	53.28	56.66	-0.03	2.97
High Inc Equity	141.5	150.5	-1.0	5.85
W'wide Bond	207.7	220.1●	+0.9	6.62
Gilt/Fixed	115.2	122.3●	+0.2	9.41

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580
30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 071-374 6801

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Inc/Gth	30.58	32.38	-0.21	2.45
Euro	70.78	75.07	-0.30	0.30
Euro Inc	73.96	78.02●	-0.08	1.67
Exempt	785.0	818.8	-8.1	4.90
Extra Inc	40.76	44.10●	+0.04	5.63
F/E Emerg Gs	49.50	52.09	-0.55	1.20

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing:0793 610366

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Inc	368.6	387.2●	-2.0	5.28
Equity Inc	186.6	211.5	-1.1	4.84
High Yield	218.5	233.7	-0.8	4.86
Balanced	578.3	610.5	-4.3	3.58
Am Inc	34.71	36.95●	-0.22	4.14
World Ass Val	32.30	34.39●	-0.15	1.57
Japan	134.8	142.6	-0.5	0.01
Sec of Am	316.6	336.1	-2.0	0.11

BL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 126 Beckenham Kent BR3 4PN Tel: 081-663 3030

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth	82.69	88.43	-0.19	1.55
1992 Euro Spc	62.23	66.54	-0.06	1.47
Intl Inc	67.53	72.21	-0.05	2.84
NAm Gth	50.65	54.19	-0.38	1.48
Pacific Gth	73.18	78.25	-0.50	1.96
UK Gth Acc	84.34	90.20●	-0.30	2.46
Do Dist	74.16	79.30●	-0.28	3.16
UK Income	61.97	66.27●	-0.35	6.61

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capit	91.45	98.18●	-1.24	3.44
Euro Gth Inc	92.61	99.00●	-0.91	1.84
Extra Inc	99.85	106.9	-0.50	6.04
General	210.7	225.4c	-2.8	3.89
Gt/Fxd Income	52.12	53.99●	+0.28	8.47
Inc Trust	443.5	474.6●	-2.5	6.07

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel:

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 081-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
SE Asia	51.18	54.74c	-0.48	2.27
Growth	41.28	44.18e	-0.21	4.02
Income	49.86	53.28e	-0.16	6.45
Far East	37.56	40.17e	-0.32	0.77
Nth Amer	55.05	58.88e	-0.11	0.58
Global	60.65	64.90	-0.25	0.80
European	60.65	64.90	-0.16	2.80
Japan	90.71	97.02	-0.77	0.01
Strategic Opp	50.08	53.54	+0.79	1.98
Intl Currency	47.52	50.38	+0.10	7.84

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Tel: Enquiries: 061-236 5685 Dealings:061-236 5362

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capability Trusts				
Am & Gen	92.64	98.56c	-0.55	0.28
Do Acc	98.44	104.7c	-0.70	0.28
European	58.21	61.75●	+0.38	1.31
Do Acc	60.16	63.82●	+0.40	1.31
F East/Gen	45.92	48.86	-0.62	0.00
Do Acc	45.92	48.85	-0.62	0.00
Gilt&Inc	223.9	238.2●	-2.8	2.24
Do Acc	244.5	260.2●	-3.1	2.24
Growth	301.4	320.7●	-0.4	2.65
Do Acc	499.8	531.8●	-0.7	2.65
Inc &Gth Inc	336.7	358.2●	+1.6	4.89
Do Acc	419.8	446.7●	+2.0	4.89
Master Portl	94.82	99.03	-0.10	2.75
Do Acc	94.22	99.90	-0.11	2.75
Spec Sits	67.58	71.91	-0.11	2.75
Do Acc	76.13	80.99	-0.12	2.75
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	£10.80	11.14	-0.05	5.45
Do Acc	£11.65	12.02	-0.05	5.45

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9GJ. Tel: Telephone: 071-955 5050 Dealings : 071-955 5055

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Index	147.5	157.4	-1.6	2.16
Capit	486.2	518.8	-3.4	3.59
Euro Index	111.8	119.3	-0.3	1.98
Euro Growth	72.97	77.87	+0.05	1.95
Far East Gth	65.72	70.13	-0.38	1.21
Global Bond	20.17	21.48	..	8.59
Gold Gen & S	60.05	64.08	-1.58	2.30
Hong Kong	42.10	44.93	+0.15	3.13
Income	462.1	493.1	-3.4	5.11
Intl Sp Sits	60.98	65.07	-0.42	1.31
Jap Gth	199.9	213.3	-2.9	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	28.95	30.89	-0.33	0.00
Jap Index	60.86	64.95	-0.30	0.35
N Amer	309.1	329.8	-3.0	1.59
Sing Malay	34.27	36.57	-0.27	0.00
Tigr Index	88.81	94.79●	-0.84	1.39
UK Index	111.5	118.9	-0.8	4.04

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 0708

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Portf	86.63	92.58	-0.87	1.71
Euro Port	62.44	66.50	-0.27	0.85
Jap Portf	45.78	48.60	-0.58	0.00
Pacific Portf	60.69	65.28	-0.59	3.02
Portf	60.96	65.22	-0.28	3.06
UK Inc/Gth	59.08	63.51	-0.09	5.18

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EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577555

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Orient Op Acc	57.85	61.54	-0.33	1.58
Japanese	51.40	54.68●	-0.69	0.00
UK Balan Inc	102.5	109.0	-0.8	3.20
Do Acc	115.7	123.1	-0.7	3.20
UK Gth Accum	170.0	181.5	-0.9	1.97
UK Hi Inc	121.1	128.8	-0.7	5.40
UK Hi Inc Acc	130.1	138.4	-0.7	5.40
N Amer Acc	78.30	83.19	-0.64	1.10
Euro Acc	106.7	113.5●	-0.2	0.34
UK Pref/FI Inc	58.04	59.44	-0.01	6.07
Do Acc	60.31	63.20	+0.01	6.04
Intl Sp S Acc	41.45	44.10●	-0.28	0.84
Envmnt Opp	57.99	61.69	-0.31	1.30

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
41, Hanington Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071 373 7281

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Endurance	149.7	159.2	..	1.84

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Eqtble Pelican	107.6	113.3	-0.77	4.84
High Inc	113.6	119.6	-0.87	5.86
T Of Inv Ts	112.7	118.6●	-0.42	3.21
Spec Sits	97.28	102.4●	-0.84	4.31
N Am	74.74	78.67●	-0.82	1.03
Far East	167.5	176.3	-0.40	1.23
Intl Gth	75.47	79.44	-0.08	1.56
Euro	66.72	69.70	+0.04	1.94
Smlr Cos	56.09	59.04	+0.01	3.86

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Accum	270.9	288.2	-1.1	3.30
Do Inc	205.6	218.8	-1.0	3.30
Higher Inc Acc	477.6	508.1	-2.5	4.76
Do Inc	318.3	338.5	-1.6	4.76
Gilts/Fxd Acc	140.6	148.0●	+0.1	8.83
Do Inc	80.97	85.24●	+0.04	8.83
N America	178.8	184.9	-0.8	0.00
Far East	210.4	223.5	-2.2	0.28
Europe	200.8	213.2●	-0.6	0.16
Genl	365.1	389.5●	-2.1	3.44
Genl Acc	385.8	410.5●	-2.3	3.44
Br Excellence	57.06	60.71	-0.09	3.02
Br Fdntle Inc	58.21	61.93●	-0.12	5.97
Do Acc	70.44	74.94●	-0.14	5.97
Global Ops	56.97	60.61	-0.75	0.38

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	161.0	170.2	-0.8	0.00

SUN ALLIANCE
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex Tel: 0403 56293

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Acc	620.9	664.1	-9.6	3.04
N/Am Acc	77.17	82.53	-0.85	1.03
Far East Acc	89.35	95.56	-0.74	2.01
W'wide Bond	47.52	50.55	+0.10	8.15
European	66.29	70.90	-0.04	1.33

** Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) ● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

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MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 91.3 (day's range 91.3-91.5).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sep 10	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2996-3.3093	3.2996-3.3033	⅜-¼pr	¾-⅝pr
Brussels	60.25-62.15	60.25-60.45	7-4pr	20-12pr
Copenhagen	11.3046-11.3492	11.3046-11.3284	⅞-¼pr	1¾-½pr
Dublin	1.0970-1.0980	1.0970-1.0980	24-14pr	16-10pr
Frankfurt	2.9322-2.9374	2.9324-2.9358	⅜-¼pr	¾-½pr
Lisbon	250.65-252.53	250.65-251.66	58-95ds	254-335ds
Madrid	183.18-184.08	183.25-183.88	29-36ds	174-195ds
Milan	2190.95-2198.68	2191.53-2196.26	1-2ds	6-8ds
Montreal	1.9691-1.9779	1.9691-1.9728	0.37-0.31pr	0.69-0.53pr
New York	1.7280-1.7350	1.7280-1.7290	0.74-0.73pr	1.94-1.92pr
Oslo	11.4515-11.4931	11.4515-11.4754	⅜-⅛pr	⅛-1ds
Paris	9.9654-9.9936	9.9654-9.9796	1-⅝pr	2-1⅝pr
Stockholm	10.6393-10.6859	10.6393-10.6627	⅜-⅛pr	par-⅛ds
Tokyo	233.02-234.05	233.02-233.32	⅞-¾pr	2-1⅝pr
Vienna	20.60-20.67	20.60-20.63	2⅝-1⅜pr	4⅜-2⅝pr
Zurich	2.5592-2.5756	2.5592-2.5624	⅝-⅜pr	1⅝-1⅜pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 10% Finance Hse 11
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 10% Low 8 Week fixed: 10 7/16
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 9 15/16 ; 3 mth 9 11/16 . Sell: 2 mth 9 13/16 ; 3 mth: 9 9/16 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	10⅛-10 3/32	10-9 15/16	9 31/32-29/32	9⅞-9 7/16	
Sterling Money Rates:	10⅛-10⅛	10⅛-10⅛	10⅛-10⅛	10⅛-10	10⅛-10
Interbank:	10 15/32-13/32	10 9/32-10 7/32	10 3/16-10⅛	10 1/32-10	10 1/32-10
(Overnight: open 10 , close 7 .					
Local Authority Deps:	10⅛	n/a	10 3/16	10 1/16	10 1/32
Sterling CDs:	10 15/32-10 7/16	10⅛-10 3/16	10 5/32-10⅛	10 1/16-10	10 1/16-10
Dollar CDs:	5.60-5.55	5.55-5.50	5.55-5.50	5.70-5.65	5.85-5.80
Building Society CDs:	10⅛-10 15/32	10 9/32-10 7/32	10⅛-10 5/32	10⅛-10	10⅛-10

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5 7/16	6⅛-5 7/16	5⅞-5 9/16	5⅜-4⅞
Deutschemark:	9⅛-9	9⅛-9	9¼-9⅛	9⅜-9¼	8⅞-7⅞
French Franc:	9⅜-9⅛	9⅜-9⅛	9⅜-9⅛	9⅜-9⅛	9⅛-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	8¼-8	8⅛-8	8⅛-8	8 1/16-7 15/16	8-7
Yen:	7⅛-6⅞	7 3/16-7 1/16	6⅞-6⅝	6⅞-6⅝	8⅛-5⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $350.90-351.30 Close: $350.40-350.90 High: $351.60-352.10
Low: $350.40-350.90 Krugerrand: $350.00-351.00 (£202.25-203.25)
Sovereigns: Old $82.25-83.25 (£47.50-48.50) New $82.00-83.00 (£47.25-48.25)
Platinum: $349.50 (£201.40) Silver: $4.04 (£2.335) Palladium: $82.25 (£47.40)

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	17176.5-17193.6
Australia dollar	2.1973-2.2007
Bahrain dinar	0.650-0.658
Brazil cruzeiro *	715.30-716.25
Cyprus pound	0.807-0.817
Finland marka	7.1125-7.1725
Greece drachma	323.65-326.95
Hong Kong dollar	13.4440-13.4455
India rupee	44.49-44.89
Kuwait dinar KD	0.499-0.505
Malaysia ringgit	4.7621-4.7657
Mexico peso	5260-5360
New Zealand dollar	2.9742-2.9812
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.46-6.54
Singapore dollar	2.9501-2.9537
S Africa rand (fin)	5.4784-5.5896
S Africa rand (com)	4.9114-4.9195
U A E dirham	6.33-6.41

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.2661-1.2672
Austria	11.89-11.91
Belgium (Com)	34.83-34.87
Canada	1.1393-1.1398
Denmark	6.5320-6.5370
France	5.7550-5.7600
Germany	1.6917-1.6927
Hong Kong	7.7470-7.7480
Ireland	1.5785-1.5800
Italy	1265.0-1266.0
Japan	134.50-134.60
Malaysia	2.7555-2.7565
Netherlands	1.9055-1.9065
Norway	6.6175-6.6225
Portugal	145.20-145.40
Singapore	1.6999-1.7009
Spain	105.95-106.05
Sweden	6.1480-6.1530
Switzerland	1.4785-1.4792

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 31, 1991 Agreed rates Aug 28, 1991 to Sept 24, 1991 Scheme I: 12.31%. Schemes II & III: 12.38%. Reference rate June 29, 1991 to July 31, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 11.138%.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 39490	Sep 91	2659.0	2660.0	2639.0	2642.5	5730
	Dec 91	2702.0	2702.0	2687.0	2686.5	1368
	Mar 92				2722.5	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 131024	Sep 91	89.77	89.82	89.76	89.81	8287
	Dec 91	90.22	90.30	90.20	90.27	18145
	Mar 92	90.38	90.45	90.37	90.42	2185
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 39356	Sep 91	94.39	94.40	94.35	94.37	138
	Dec 91	94.17	94.22	94.14	94.15	2086
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 136082	Sep 91	90.79	90.79	90.76	90.77	2,694
	Dec 91	90.80	90.81	90.77	90.78	7433
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 3636	Sep 91				98-22	0
	Dec 91	98-00	98-08	97-29	97-28	839
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 57256	Sep 91	95-01	95-13	95-01	95-03	671
	Dec 91	95-05	95-19	95-02	95-06	25436
Japanese Govt Bond	Dec 91	98.29	98.42	98.35	98.36	329
	Mar 92				98.65	0
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 55160	Dec 91	85.49	85.54	85.30	85.32	20924
	Mar 92	85.67	85.67	85.50	85.48	103
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 5441	Sep 91	90.27	90.27	90.27	90.27	155
	Dec 91	90.42	90.44	90.41	90.41	185

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

COMMODITIES

COCOA		LONDON FOX COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Sep	711-708	Sep	544-540	Oct	200.6-200
Dec	740-739	Nov	569-568	Dec	186.0-85.0
Mar	776-775	Jan	587-586	Mar	190.0-89.0
May	796-795	Mar	597-595	May	190.0-88.0
Jul	817-814	May	unq	Aug	193.0-90.0
Sep	836-834	Jul	unq	Oct	193.0-88.0
Dec	866-855	Sep	unq		
	Vol: 3036		Vol: 3367		Vol: 212

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Sep	114.35	Sep	110.80	Oct	129.80
Nov	117.00	Nov	113.45	Dec	134.50
Jan	120.40	Jan	117.15	Feb	138.30
Mar	123.50	Mar	119.50	Apr	139.00
May	126.75	May	121.30	Jun	135.00
Vol:	318	Vol:	46	Vol:	50

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

Volume: 127

Mar (£/tonne)	Open: unq	Close: 126.0
Apr	120.0	119.3
May	unq	131.5

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 10

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	70.32	107.20	101.52
(+/-)	+4.99	-11.16	-3.36
Eng/Wales:	69.66	107.72	100.02
(+/-)	+6.26	-10.92	-3.80
(%)	-35.5	-31.7	-19.6
Scotland:	72.07	104.35	109.11
(+/-)	+2.11	-12.98	+1.61
(%)	-56.8	-55.4	-60.5

** Estimated dead carcase weight*

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (/kg)

Sep	
Open:	unq
Close:	90.5
Oct	
Open:	101.0
Close:	101.0
Nov	
Open:	104.6
Close:	105.3

Volume: 41

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1347.0-1348.0	1348.0-1348.5	759000
Lead (£/tonne)	316.50-317.00	327.50-328.00	55000
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1026.0-1026.0	1043.0-1044.0	147150
Tin ($/tonne)	5580.0-5582.0	5658.0-5662.0	3605
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1252.0-1253.0	1282.0-1283.0	406875
Nickel ($/tonne):	7820.0-7825.0	7845.0-7850.0	10548

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm: After several days of price declines, the market staged an upward correction.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.90	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Sep)	19.90	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Oct)	19.85	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	21.45	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	21.40	+0.05

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	244 (+2)	248 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	188 (+1)	190 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Sep	191 (+1)	193 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Oct	196 (+1)	197 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	68 (+1)	70 (+1)
Naphtha	206 (n/c)	209 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Sep	190.50-90.25	Jan	195.25-94.50
Oct	194.50-94.25	Feb	189.00 BID
Nov	195.75-95.50	Mar	184.00 BID
Dec	196.75-96.50		Vol: 9501

BRENT

Oct	19.90-20.00	Dec	19.95-20.05
Nov	19.95-20.06		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 91	1620	1602	1607
Oct 91	1715	1700	1704
Jan 92	1728	1718	1718
Apr 92	1726	1720	1717

Vol: 179 lots Open interest: 2606
Dry cargo index 1549 +2

FOX MGMI INDEX

(5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
Sep	138.90	139.30
Dec	139.80	140.00
Mar	140.10	140.20

Vol: 290

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A killing in the can for wildlife film

The bizarre and the beautiful could mean a commercial fortune for natural history film archives on both sides of the Atlantic, Melinda Wittstock reports

After 14 years spent travelling the remotest corners of the world and bringing British television viewers face to face with bloodthirsty vampire bats, rampaging wildebeest, swarms of stinging jellyfish and aggressive army ants, Keenan Smart has learnt that the gulf between the natural world and science fiction is not so great.

"The organisms which exist on this planet are more bizarre than any sci-fi writer could dream up," says the award-winning former BBC natural history producer who is to become the head of National Geographic Television's newly created natural history unit in Washington, DC.

Keenan Smart: new job

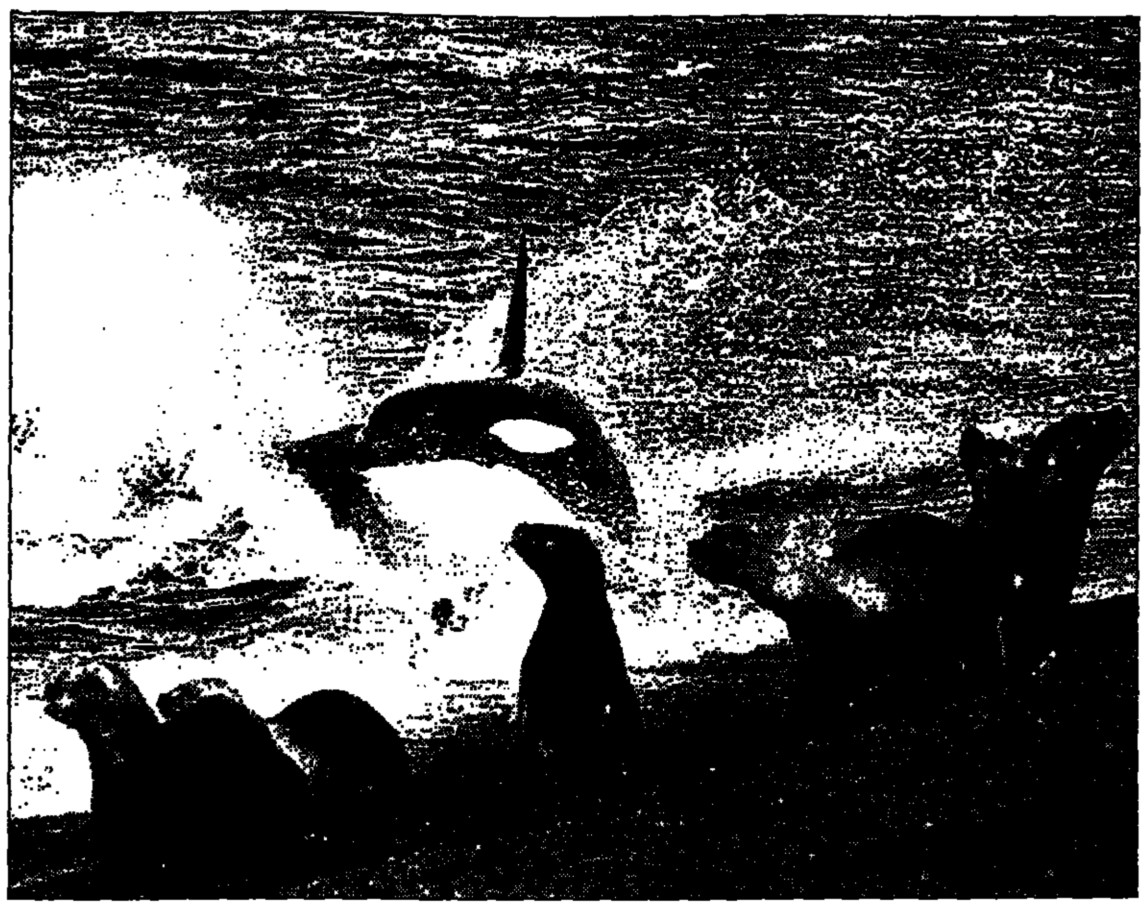
"We've filmed microscopic larvae of a fungus gnat hatch inside their mother, consuming her organs and walking out at either end; we've also watched cuttle fish, squid and octopus communicate with each other by flashing a kaleidoscope of colours over their bodies," Mr Smart says.

Biologists and embryologists are already making a lot of money, he says, by acting as consultants to sci-fi writers in need of biological scenarios for make-believe future worlds. Much more money is about to be made by television and film companies using documentary footage of the cuddly, the bizarre, the frightening and the fantastic in feature films, television dramas and even television commercials.

"This is the sort of thing I'd love to get involved in: combining hard, esoteric natural history with new and creative production techniques to create extraordinary *entertainment*, while increasing people's awareness of the environment."

The 42-year-old filmmaker's move from the BBC, where he produced and directed such series as *Wildlife On One*, *World About Us*, *The Natural World* and the acclaimed *Trials of Life*, comes as his former employer prepares to announce, next month, its own move into the commercial world.

BBC Wildvision is being set up to exploit a 34-year-old natural history programme library containing 15 million feet of film and 5,000 sound recordings. Footage will be repackaged for new programmes, much in the same way that Mr Smart collaborated with Island Records to produce an *Arena* special called *Life Pulse*, which combined reworked natural history shots with an hour and a half of music.


Scene from a classic: a killer whale attacks sea-lion pups in David Attenborough's series *The Trials of Life*

Footage will also be sold to filmmakers and advertising agencies. Meanwhile, new BBC documentaries will become part of "multi-media packages" of books, videos, cassettes and eventually interactive compact discs, containing text, moving pictures and sound. "We know we're sitting on a goldmine," says Andrew Neal, the head of the unit. "We filmed creatures years ago that are now extinct in habitats that have changed significantly. We'll soon be able to make programmes showing the effects of environmental damage."

Mr Smart says: "The worst-case scenario is that the future 'natural' world will exist only on film, the rest having been squandered and destroyed by *homo sapiens*. That's the future we must prevent."

But he says National Geographic will make sure it gets the balance right between hard-hitting documentaries such as Channel 4's *Disappearing World*, the "My God, I didn't know *that*" type of wildlife programme and entertaining dramatisations of true stories about the environment, whether a thriller about the real-life exploits of Greenpeace or a story in the *Gorillas in the Mist* tradition.

National Geographic is working with Phil Tippett, who made the models for *Robocop*, *Ghostbusters* and the *Star Wars* films, on a drama-documentary which Julia Mair, National Geographic's director of programming, describes as an "unusual realisation of theories from the past".

New technology also presents new opportunities. Both the BBC and National Geographic Television have begun making films for the giant Imax screens in natural history museums while exploring the use of "sensurround" sound. Virtual reality (VR), a new extra-sensory technology which simulates encounters with computer-generated characters, has also got the National Geographic team excited. "People will be able to swim with sharks, sit among lions and explore volcanos," says Mr Smart.

"People have an endless appetite for natural history: natural history documentaries, both in the UK and the US, are the highest-rated programmes other than soaps and sitcoms," Ms Mair says. "New approaches are bound to expand that audience far further."

British advertising and TV franchise holders may benefit from communism's fall

How peace could profit Channel 3

AMID the hilarity occasioned by the ignominious collapse of Soviet communism, it is scarcely surprising that no one has considered the implications for British advertising and for the future of the companies winning a Channel 3 franchise. But there is a link, namely the so-called "peace dividend".

The immediate reaction is to say how wonderful this will be for schools and hospitals as the government switches expenditure from war to peace. But the defence budget goes mainly on heavy industry, which has virtually no spin-off for British advertising. You do not see many ads for tanks or submarines.

If big savings are made a significant proportion of them will percolate through to areas of consumer demand which are relevant to television advertising in particular. The bad news is that on my estimate it will be three or four years before any significant impact will be felt by the advertising industry. The good news is that on, say, a ten-year prospect of advertising, it is now rational to increase the growth forecast by at least 1 per cent a year.

By an odd coincidence, a ten-year period is of great relevance to the bidders for a Channel 3 licence, because that is how long they will have to pay the figure they have promised. Even if television revenue increases by only an extra 1 per cent a year — and it will probably be more — the gain becomes significant. Some of the bids for Channel 3 franchises may not be so extravagant as we thought.

It is a pleasing thought that the salvation of Channel 3 and even the Independent Television Commission might owe more to the Russian communists than to the Conservative party.

HAROLD LIND

The author is a media consultant

MEDIA WATCH

Press on trial

CURTIS Howard, the young black American wanted in connection with the murder of Catherine Ayling, whose body was found in a car boot at Gatwick airport last May, is fighting extradition to Britain on the grounds that a British 'trial by media' has already seriously prejudiced any proceedings in this country. His American lawyers allege that newspaper coverage was "racist". Attempts to persuade an extradition hearing in Boston, Massachusetts, that Mr Curtis could not get a fair trial in Britain have been indirectly helped by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the attorney-general. Last June, he wrote to most national newspapers to complain that their coverage of the murder gave rise to "a substantial risk of serious prejudice to the course of justice, and hence may constitute a contempt of court".

Playing safe

FRIDAY the 13th will not see the unveiling of the new-look *New Statesman & Society* after all. The magazine, which was due to launch a "tighter design" this Friday that allows it to fit more words on each page, has postponed the relaunch until next Friday. "We could have gone ahead, but it has been hectic with holidays and the coup last month," says Steve Platt, the editor. "I'd prefer to run a dummy first." Mr Platt, meanwhile, plans to take his publication daily for the duration of the upcoming Labour Party conference in Brighton.

Bizarre bazaar

More than a hundred of Britain's strangest publishers, whose titles range from *The Fortean Times — The Journal of Strange Phenomena* to the *Malice Aforethought Press*, plan to astound the general public with a special exhibition of their wares in London on September 28. Visitors to the fourth annual Small Press Fair at the Royal Horticultural Society Old Hall may also flip through such titles as *<<0>>*, a "fashion, fetish and fantasy" magazine, and *Anti-Clockwise*, an anarchist publication.

Jump start

LORD King, the chairman of British Airways, will be seen today in an uncharacteristic pose in the *Financial Times*. He is the first of 26 selfmade industrialists, politicians, artists and other achievers to jump up in the air for Howell Henry Chaldecott Lury, the advertising agency which has dreamt up the latest campaign for the Prince's Trust. Every Wednesday, a different individual — never a self-publicist; always someone who will prompt readers to ask, "How the hell did they manage to get him?" the agency says — will be spotted in mid-flight above the line: "Success — you know what it feels like. Every year the Prince's Trust gives 20,000 young people the chance to succeed".

Lord King: high-flying

A woman's place

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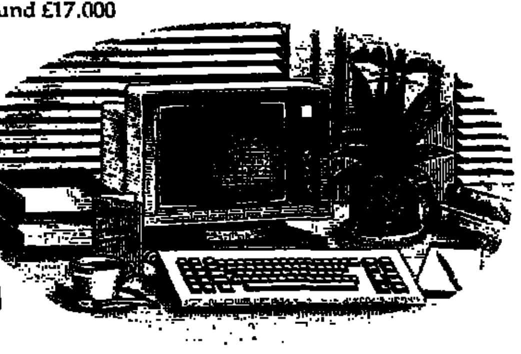

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The house that Richard and Olivia built

The Smiths wanted a bigger house, but could not afford one in the area of their choice. So they took up their shovels and set to work. **Christopher Warman** reports

Richard Smith, an insurance consultant in his mid thirties, and his wife, Olivia, have built a house almost entirely by themselves. "We wanted a bigger house", Mr Smith says, "and the only way we could afford it in the area we wanted [Nantwich, Cheshire] was to do it ourselves." Although Mr Smith's father was a bricklayer and his brother is a builder, he has no professional building skills.

"Of necessity, I am a reasonably competent DIY man, but I had never tackled anything like this," Mr Smith explains.

He estimates that he has done 90 per cent of the work, including digging the drains, the erection of the Oliver Homes kit (with the help of a crane to move the one-ton roof trusses), the plumbing, electrical and glazing work, and the painting.

The Smiths can recall no serious difficulties. "The house was completed in ten months in my spare time and holidays," Mr Smith says. "We made sure it was absolutely finished before we moved in."

With the kit costing £31,000, materials doubling that cost, and with the price of the land, the house cost a total of £108,000. "Somebody offered £250,000 while I was building it," Mr Smith says. "I believe we saved £100,000 by doing it ourselves, and I am sure it is worth £250,000 now. And yes, if the necessity or the opportunity arose, I would do it again, but I am happy now to enjoy what we have achieved."

A month ago, another self-builder, Keith Crow, watched as the timber frame of his new house was erected. Next an inglenook fireplace was built to his specifications, and soon the brick cladding and render will be added.

Mr Crow, a 34-year-old marketing manager with British Airways, is one of a growing number of self-builders throughout Britain. An estimated 20,000 homes were built last year under the self-build banner, nearly 10 per cent more than in the previous year.

Reflecting this growing sector of the housing market, the Self-build Homes Show, sponsored by *Today* newspaper and *Build It!* magazine and first held last year, is on at Alexandra Palace, north London, from September 19 to 22. Next April the first Individual Homes Exhibition, organised by Telegraph Events and sponsored by *Individual Homes* magazine, will take place. This show is intended to help people who want to commission the building of their own home, committed self-builders and those refurbishing an existing house or building an extension. Self-build can mean physically building your home, but in most cases companies in the self-build market supervise the process, including finding the land, arranging the finance, selecting the house plan and subcontracting the building work.

Mr Crow has always been fascinated by new houses, and he and his wife, Alison, wanted a Tudor-style house. Accordingly they sold their own house, bought a plot of land, nearly a third of an acre, at Farncombe, Surrey, and decided on a timber-frame house kit provided by Potton, of Sandy, Bedfordshire, because it offered the required style. "We do not like living on estates," he says. "We wanted to have a house exactly to our wishes."

The kit, costing £34,000, provides all the wooden parts including the frame, posts, beams, suspended wooden walls, doors, stairs and skirting boards. That went up in seven days. The inglenook fireplace came from elsewhere and the building is being project-managed by Package Build. The land cost £70,000, and in addition the budget for the total cost of the house, including the fittings and furnishings, is £130,000. Mr Crow says: "A comparable house would cost between £240,000 and £250,000, so we have saved about 25 per cent. Our main aim was to get a better house at a price we could afford."

His work on the project will be the decorating, wall tiling, and laying of quarry tiles in the kitchen. The Crows arranged a mortgage through the Halifax Building Society, which releases the money as it is required for building, but they were able to pay for the land outright.

About 60 companies supply house kits in Britain, most specialising in timber-frame construction. Constructive Individuals, a firm of architects and project managers based in Hambleton, Selby, North Yorkshire, is one that runs courses for potential self-builders, covering project management from buying land to subcontracting labour on site, and other subjects including joinery skills and a guide to low-energy and ecological homes.

At next week's show, a house will be built from start to (the builders hope) finish and the National Energy Foundation will be explaining the national home energy-rating scheme, which assesses the energy efficiency of every house.

A new UK land index is also to be launched at the show, intended to provide a comprehensive list of land plots available throughout the country, enabling the potential self-builder to cut short the time needed to find a plot.

RICHARD SMITH

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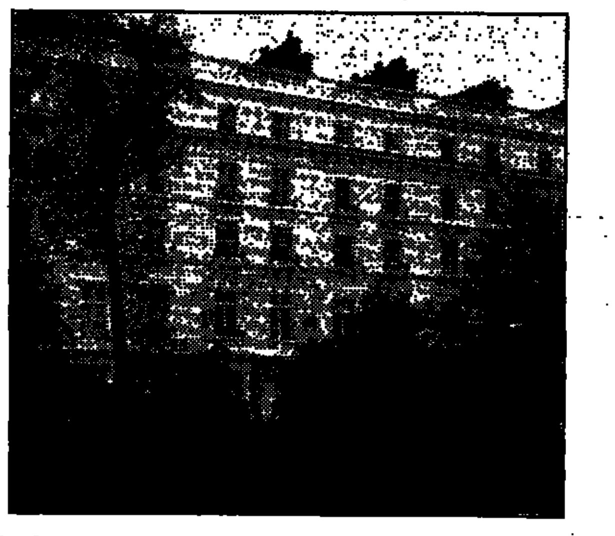

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Fancy being your own boss? Then now might be a good time to buy a public house or a hotel, **Rodney Hobson** writes

Mixing business with pleasure

Confidence is slowly returning to the public houses and hotels market, although prices have not yet started to move up. Robert Barry, a property agency at Cirencester, Gloucestershire, specialising in hotels and licensed property, says the number of sales is comfortably higher than at the corresponding time last year.

Hugh Guillebaud, the senior partner, adds, however: "The aggregate value of property sold has risen by a relatively small amount, reflecting the 20 per cent drop in values that has since taken place."

Mr Guillebaud also believes outside factors, such as the soaring stock market, cuts in interest rates and falling inflation, are having a positive effect. He says: "The increase in sales is due more to the vendors' acceptance that the market reached freak values in 1987-90 and that these levels will not be achieved again for some years."

Ken Sims, at the London office of Christie & Co, the business agent, detects signs that interest cuts are benefiting residential sales, which are in turn encouraging the licensed premises market.

Mr Sims says the state of the market is conditioned by breweries disposing of premises because of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission ruling limiting the number of public houses that a brewery can own. He says: "A substantial number of applicants registering with us are existing tenants who have decided to take the compensation offered by the breweries and use it to help to purchase their own freehold pub. Brewery sales are having an impact on values and are allowing purchasers an excellent opportunity to acquire their own businesses at a realistic price."

Jimmy Campbell bought The Railway in Wightman Road, Haringey, north London, from Whitbread in May. He says: "It was in a good position near the Underground station." The asking price for the corner site pub with five bedrooms was £295,000, but Mr Campbell managed to get £10,000 knocked off.

Mr Sims sees leasing becoming increasingly important in the wake of the commission's report. The first brewery in the market was Inntrepreneur with 20-year assignable leases, followed by Whitbread, Allied Lyons and Bass. These schemes offer the first-time buyer an opportunity to enter the licensed trade without a substantial capital outlay.

Mr Guillebaud says: "While it is too early to count any chickens, the signs are that an improvement to the economy is in the pipeline. Hotels and pubs are now a good prospect. Capital growth will follow inflation eventually. In the meantime, no other investment enables the owner to live so well in and out of a business. Yields will be high in relation to the low prices prevailing."

Cheaper round: Jimmy Campbell got £10,000 knocked off the £295,000 asking price of this public house in north London

Office glut in peak building year

A sharp fall in office take-up in the West End of London and an office glut in the City are the twin themes of the latest quarterly report by St Quintin, the chartered surveyor.

The report says that in the West End the space let or sold in the three months to June was 36 per cent lower than in the previous quarter, and only one transaction of more than 20,000 sq ft was completed, which was the sale of 44,000 sq ft in Store Street.

St Quintin says the low level of lettings and the steady completion of new buildings have increased the space available for immediate occupation by more than 600,000 sq ft since the end of March to 8.2 million sq ft. The West End vacancy rate is now just over 10 per cent and is 12.5 per cent in the WC1 and WC2 postal areas.

The City, however, has a vacancy rate of nearly 20 per cent. More than 16 million sq ft are ready to be occupied or are due for completion by the end of this year in the City and its fringes. The 13.1 million sq ft available is 85 per cent higher than last year's figure.

St Quintin says this will be the peak year for City office completions. Dr Peter Damesick, the head of research, says: "New development activity has now virtually stalled and completions will fall to very low levels by 1993. However, on current trends, excess supply will persist for some time. There remains a large stock of schemes with planning consent waiting for improved conditions.

"It is difficult, this side of 2000, to foresee any repetition of the severe space shortages that drove the 1986-88 rental boom."

IN THE MARKET

☐ English & Overseas Properties, acting for a consortium of overseas investors, has bought Lloyds Court in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, from the city's development corporation. E&O raised the £7.5 million cost through a combination of debt and equity. Lloyds Court is a two-storey office building of 104,000 sq ft and was one of the corporation's first office developments in the early 1970s.

☐ Ortem Developments, a subsidiary of MEPC, has sold its 40,000 sq ft Twenties Cross business park at Sevenoaks, Kent, to East Asiatic UK, a Danish-owned company, for £11.75 million. The park, completed this year, is half a mile from the M25 and comprises two fully air-conditioned office buildings with 217 parking spaces. East Asiatic UK will move in at the end of the year after the buildings have been fitted out.

☐ Panasonic, the Japanese electronics company, is to move its European headquarters from Bracknell, Berkshire, to Stockley Park, Heathrow. Panasonic has taken 21,000 sq ft on a 25-year lease in a building designed by Ian Ritchie, the architect.

☐ Robin James, a Sussex-based developer, is offering freeholds on the last two units at Park View industrial estate, Eastbourne, East Sussex, at a discount of up to 30 per cent this month. The units are 6,500 sq ft each and offers of more than £364,000 (£56 a sq ft) must be lodged with Stiles Harold Williams, the sole agent, in Eastbourne.

☐ Central & City and Western Heritable Investment have let all the space at James House, a 5,500 sq ft office building in Babmaes Street, central London. The building has been let on six separate leases of up to 15 years. Rents of up to £45 a sq ft were achieved on the upper floors and short rent-free periods given to the tenants.

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Champion is in little doubt over the outcome of his third bout with Harding

Andries is aiming to win the war with style

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

IF IT were physically possible, Dennis Andries would carry on boxing until he is 70. He kept going after his humiliation by Thomas Hearns four years ago, joined the fearsome Kronk gym in Detroit, regained the World Boxing Council light-heavyweight title, lost it and won it back again.

The champion, aged 39, believes there is still enough fight left in him to win all three world light-heavyweight titles, avenge his defeat by Hearns and lift a cruiserweight championship.

Thus, there is little doubt in his mind about the outcome of his third meeting with Jeff Harding, of Australia, at the Odeon, Hammersmith, tonight. Andries's manager, Emmanuel Steward, who is also the director of the Kronk gym, said yesterday: "It won't go more than five or six rounds. It will be a war, but Dennis is in the best shape I've ever seen him in and he's been training with 215lb guys. He's been doing things I never expected him to do, good defensive moves, slipping punches."

Steward conveniently brushed under the carpet Andries's sudden collapse in the last round of the first bout with Harding and the poor performance against Sergio Merani, from Argentina, who was little more than a novice. "Forget those," Steward said. Against Harding, Andries's diet had been all wrong, and against Merani, it was 'just one of those days'."

But those who saw Andries fade suddenly in the twelfth round against Harding in Atlantic City two years ago and saw the champion struggle to land clean punches on Merani last year are not convinced by Steward's explanation. Despite the champion's willpower and strength of character, there seems to have been signs of ageing. Andries lacked his old robustness in both contests.

Harding, too, does not inspire much confidence. He does not look 13 years younger than the champion. It was not surprising to hear Harding's American agent, Don Majeski, say the other day that if Harding lost again he would retire. "What's the use of fighting if you can't beat an old man," Majeski said.

Of Harding's seventh-round defeat in Melbourne last year, by Andries, Majeski said Harding "was just flat that day" because of trouble with his trainer, Johnny Lewis, who has since left him. However, this time, Majeski says, Harding is more relaxed, and having come here three weeks early, he has been training at Romford and is "spot on".

Perhaps the first encounter in Atlantic City is the best guide to tonight. It all depends on whether it was, in fact, Andries's diet and not his age that brought about his collapse. Until then, he was well in front, having floored Harding early with a solid jab.

While at the end one was left marvelling at Harding's courage and durability, it appears that in the second meeting Harding was unable to take Andries's blows, and those who saw the bout say Andries broke the Australian's heart.

Apart from going back to basics, little has changed in Harding's life and it is unlikely that he has learnt enough to pose Andries any new problems.

All square: Andries, left, shapes up to Harding, the Australian challenger

BASEBALL

Gehrig's jersey proves a big hit

By ROBERT KIRLEY

A BUSINESSMAN paid $220,000 (£127,000) at an auction in San Francisco last week to acquire a flannel jersey worn in 1938 by Lou Gehrig, the legendary "iron horse" of the New York Yankees. The price is thought to be the highest paid for a sports memorabilia item other than a baseball card.

The hard-hitting Gehrig, a team-mate of Babe Ruth's, played in 2,130 consecutive regular-season games, a record that stands. He died in 1941, aged 37, of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), which to this day Americans commonly call "Lou Gehrig's disease".

The son of immigrants, he was an Ivy Leaguer from Columbia University, but sometimes it was hard to tell. Before an away game during spring training one year, a rookie teammate winced when he noticed the proximity of the seats to the on-deck batter's circle.

"They sure could hurl some epithets at you from there," the kid said. "Don't worry," Gehrig replied. "They'd never get through the screen."

Gehrig's successors ended a 15-game losing streak last week when Steve Sax hit a home run and two doubles in a 3-2 win over the Texas Rangers.

Scott Erickson, of the Minnesota Twins, beat the Yankees 6-4 on Sunday to win his eighteenth game. He and Tom Glavine, of the Atlanta Braves, have the most victories in the major leagues. With 24 games to play, the Twins command the American League West.

The Los Angeles Dodgers, who had slipped two games behind the Braves after leading the National League West for months, regained sole possession of first by beating the St Louis Cardinals 8-3 last week. The Dodgers then won three of four from the Pittsburgh Pirates in a possible play-off preview. Los Angeles took the season series 7-5 after losing eight of 12 to Pittsburgh last year.

Dwight Gooden, the New York Mets pitcher, is out for the season because of a shoulder injury. He had 13 wins and seven losses. The California Angels released Dave Parker, the designated hitter and frequent all-star. He played 19 seasons and was in two World Series-winning sides, Pittsburgh in 1979 and Oakland in 1989.

YACHTING

Cup organisers call for help to raise money

By BARRY PICKTHALL

THE America's Cup organisers yesterday brought in Mark McCormack's International Management Group to drum up fresh sponsorship for next year's cash-strapped defence, hosted by the San Diego Yacht Club.

The move comes two weeks after the committee was forced to sack seven of its staff and cut back much of its programme after falling several million dollars in the red. It also follows the realisation last week that the challengers are now out-spending the two defence syndicates by almost four to one in research in development.

Of the $324 million budgeted by syndicates and organisers, 73 per cent is being spent by the challengers, 19 per cent by the two defenders, and seven per cent by the Californian organisers, with a further one per cent allocated for the challengers' trials.

The biggest spender is Raul Gardini's Il Moro di Venezia challenge, sponsored by Montedison, the Italian chemical giant. Having built four boats already and with a fifth on the drawing board, they expect to see little change from $55 million when the series ends next May.

The Japanese challenge, supported by 30 blue-chip companies, is a close second with $45 million, followed by the New Zealanders with $35 million. France and Spain plan to spend $60 million between them, the Swedes, who have just won backing from Saab, have a budget of $15 million, and the two Australian challengers plan to spend a further $22 million.

The American defenders plan to spend $60 million, two-thirds of which is destined for Bill Koch's America³ group, which the millionaire is funding himself. Dennis Conner's Stars and Stripes syndicate is relying on corporate dollars and so far has raised less than half the $20 million he needs.

The civil war in Yugoslavia and political uncertainty in the Soviet Union now looks likely to scupper their challenges. Last month the Yacht Club Galeb withdrew its official association with the Yugoslav syndicate headed by Bojan Butolen, whose designer, Nano Kovascevic, is now bearing arms in the Slovenian territorial army. The organisers have told Butolen that his syndicate can still compete, providing he finds another yacht club to support him.

The signals are equally confused from the Red Star challenge, based in St Petersburg. Doug Smith, their man in San Diego, believes they are still coming and has won dispensation from the Washington authorities for the two Soviet yachts to enter San Diego's military harbour for measurement purposes. But from St Petersburg there has been no word. As in Yugoslavia, phones go unanswered and major suppliers in the West, who had been expecting orders for deck hardware and rigs, report no recent contact with either challenge.

BRIDGE

Irish steal the day

By ALBERT DORMER

TWO contrasting events took place at the weekend. The Lederer Memorial Trophy, commemorating a great player of the Thirties, is limited to eight invited teams. Great Britain and Sweden took the opportunity to gain match practice for the world championship, but were eclipsed by Ireland, who overhauled London in the last round.

In Leeds, the National Swiss championship was played by the 113 teams that reached the final from a large original entry, but the comfortable winners, with plenty to spare, were David Stevenson's Merseyside and Cheshire formation.

RESULTS: Lederer Memorial Trophy: 1, Ireland (N Fitzgibbon, A Mesbur, P Walsh, R Boland); 2, London (D Price, D Burn, B Callaghan, R Cliffe, B Rigal, P Czerniewski) National Swiss teams: 1, D Stevenson, W Nicol, M Knapton, S Whittleton (Merseyside and Cheshire), 190 victory pts; 2, J Dhondy, J Cope, I Pagan, D Parry (London), 186; 3, J Wightwick, B Sides, P Barden, J Mestel (Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire), 180

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Patricia to spark Cauthen double

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

STEVE Cauthen appears to have a very good chance of *winning the two group races at* Doncaster today on **Patricia** (3.40) and **Mesaafi** (4.10).

Judged on the way that she finished at the end of a mile and five furlongs at Deauville last month, when she won the group two Prix de Pomone, Patricia will be even better suited by the longer distance of the A F Budge Park Hill Stakes.

Since winning in France, Patricia has been sold by her previous owner, Charles St George to Sheikh Mohammed whose colours she will carry for the first time this afternoon. However, she remains in the care of Henry Cecil, who along with Cauthen, captured the corresponding prize 12 months ago with Madame Dubois.

Having also won the Lancashire Oaks at Haydock in July, Patricia should prove too good for Nibbs Point and Always Friendly who had the finish of the Galtres Stakes at York to themselves last month.

Mesaafi, my choice for the *May Hill Stakes, was bred to* relish today's distance of a mile, since she is by one Derby winner, Slip Anchor, out of a mare by another, Nijinsky.

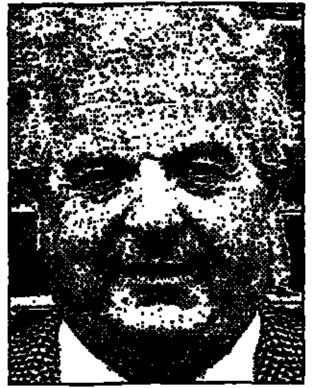
In the circumstances it was heartening to see Mesaafi show the speed necessary to make a winning debut over only six furlongs at Goodwood at the end of July.

On her return to the west Sussex track, she was beaten a length by Musicale in the group three Prestige Stakes over seven furlongs but that was no disgrace since Musicale had won all of her previous races including the Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket.

Mesaafi holds Super Sarena, who finished third, on that form but strong opposition can be expected from Elegant Solution, Hidden Laughter and Fern, particularly from *the latter,* who will be endeavouring to go one better than her half-sister Shamshir who was beaten a short head by Majmu in the corresponding race 12 months ago.

The Queens Own Yorkshire Dragoons Graduation Stakes has attracted two newcomers of particular interest. They are Essoud, who is a half-brother to last year's crack miler, Distant Relative, and River Defences, who is by Riverman out of Durtal. While Essoud has been showing promise at Newmarket, hopes are running high at Manton that River Defences is a good colt in the making.

If that is the case, he should make telling use of the 8lb he receives from Lead The Dance, who may have been unsuited by the rain-softened ground when second to Mojave at Newmarket recently.



Cottrell: eyeing second Portland with Mertola's Pet

Having so nearly won the group three King George Stakes at Goodwood before managing to give Sarcita 22lb and a beating in the Falmouth Handicap at York, *Food Of Love* is napped to take full advantage of her high draw in the Doncaster Bloodstock Sales Scarborough Stakes.

Sarcita, along with Mertola's Pet and Welsh Secret, now comprise my short list for the Tote-Portland Handicap, which is as open as ever.

With a better draw, I would have gone for Welsh Secret. As it is, I now favour Mertola's Pet, whose trainer Gerald Cottrell landed a nice touch *when Roman Prose won the* corresponding race three years ago.

Cruz on Jendali in Leger

TONY Cruz will ride Jendali for Henry Cecil in the Coalite St Leger at Doncaster on Saturday. Steve Cauthen, Jendali's regular partner, travels to Ireland to ride Stagecraft for Sheikh Mohammed and, only if Michael Stoute's four-year-old fails to meet that engagement, would he ride Jendali.

On the betting front, Fly Away Soon, who is reported to have been sparkling in recent work at Whatcombe, again attracted most interest. Paul Cole's supplementary entry was cut from 8-1 to 6-1 by Corals.

There was also more money for Tom Jones's Libk, available at 100-1 last week and now 20-1 *(from 33-1) with William Hill.* French candidate Toulon was laid by Hills to lose £5,000 at 4-1 and shortened to 7-2.

Clive Britain's pair, Andrath and Luchiroverte, both worked well yesterday but no jockey bookings have yet been made.

New Cheltenham course unveiled

CHELTENHAM's new park course, designed to attract more runners to early-season fixtures at jump racing's headquarters, was officially unveiled yesterday.

The 13-furlong track, less demanding than the two established circuits, has been formed by linking an existing chute to the round course and providing two additional fences.

The new course was given an immediate seal of approval by trainer David Nicholson. "The layout is superb, and four fences up the home straight will make it very exciting for the public," Nicholson said.

Hard ground has dogged the track during recent dry autumns, with chases averaging only 4.88 runners from October to January. However, Edward Gillespie, Cheltenham's managing director, is predicting good going for the first meeting on the new course in three weeks' time.

More *than* £60,000 has been invested in a revamped irrigation system which has doubled the course's watering capacity.

Nicholson also praised the improvement work done by Cheltenham on the downhill fence, three from home on the *old circuit,* which has claimed many fallers over the years.

A £30,000 landscaping operation is thought to have eradicated much of the danger at one of racing's most controversial fences. After inspecting the fence, Nicholson said: "They have done a fantastic job and it should eliminate the problems."

Buckfast Abbey and Alaoui lost their lives at the fence during the 1990 Mackeson Gold Cup meeting, spurring the executive to take action. Thousands of tons of soil have raised the landing side of the fence by 5ft and now the touchdown *area is* level for 30 yards, with a slight drop for a further 30 yards.

Generous cut to 4-5 after rival defects

GENEROUS has hardened from even money to 5-4 on for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe *following confirmation that* Epervier Bleu will miss the race. Daniel Wildenstein, Epervier Bleu's owner, will be represented instead by Pistolet Bleu and Arcangues.

Suave Dancer, who runs in the Leopardstown Champion Stakes on Saturday, is now 9-2 second *favourite for the Arc* with Corals. Other prices: 8-1 Pistolet Bleu, 10-1 Snurge, 14-1 In The Groove, 16-1 bar.

John Hammond, Suave Dancer's trainer, may be double-handed in the Leopardstown race with Dear Doctor also among the four-day acceptors.

*English possibles are Environ*ment Friend, Stagecraft, In The Groove, Zoman and Legal Case but all bar Environment Friend are also engaged in the Select Stakes at Goodwod on Friday.

£7.5m farriery appeal given royal send-off

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

DESERT Orchid, Red Rum and the Princess Royal all have a strong public following. But is their combined appeal sufficient to help raise £7.5 million for the welfare of horses' feet? The 600,000 horses and ponies in this country, together with the 3.3 million people who ride them, must hope they are.

*This large sum is the three-*year target set by the Desert Orchid Farriers Appeal aimed at reversing the decline in farriery.

There are currently 1,800 working farriers but the craft with a 2,000-year pedigree is in decline. Many working farriers are nearing retirement and the recent withdrawal of a government training grant threatens to reduce the supply of recruits.

The Princess Royal met Red Rum in London yesterday before speaking in typically passionate fashion about the importance of preserving farriery.

Desert Orchid has suffered intermittently from corns while Red Rum was almost put down in his early career due to problems with his feet. However, the Princess Royal stressed *that farriery mattered just* as much to pony clubs and riding stables.

"There are not enough farriers in the country for the number of animals," she said. "Horses' feet never stop growing and always have to be looked after. Many of the cases of abuse and neglect involve horses' feet."

If raised, the £7.5 million will help finance an international school for farriery and an apprentice training fund.

DONCASTER

MANDARIN
2.00 River Defences.
2.35 **FOOD OF LOVE** (nap).
3.10 Mertola's Pet.
3.40 Patricia.
4.10 Mesaafi.
4.40 King Of Chance.

THUNDERER
2.00 Lead The Dance.
2.35 Blyton Lad.
3.10 **LOVE RETURNED** (nap).
3.40 Patricia.
4.10 Fern.
4.40 King Of Chance.

RICHARD EVANS
2.00 River Defences.
3.10 So Rhythmical.
4.40 **VAGUE DANCER** (nap).

Our Newmarket *Correspondent: 2.00 Lead The Dance. 3.40 Patricia.* 4.10 **FERN** (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 **FOOD OF LOVE.**

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; 1M ROUND COURSE, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 QUEEN'S OWN YORKSHIRE DRAGOONS GRADUATION STAKES

(2-Y-O: £4,110: 7f) (12 runners)

101	(9)	14	KILLY 11 (F) (P Barr) F Lee 9-1	R Cochrane	83
102	(4)	212	LEAD THE DANCE 19 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-1	S Cauthen	● 99
103	(8)	64231	PERSONAL HAZARD 12 (D,F) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 9-1	M Birch	86
104	(2)	31030	WILDE RUFO 58 (G) (G Mazza) P Kelleway 9-1	T Quinn	89
105	(7)	2	MAJOR'S LAW 12 (C Olley) C Brittain 8-11	M Roberts	93
106	(11)		DOUBLE LARK (R Mason) R Hollinshead 8-7	S Perks	—
107	(10)		EZZOUD (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-7	Pat Eddery	—
108	(3)		NAJEB (S Suhail) B Hanbury 8-7	D Harrison (7)	—
109	(6)		NOCATCHIM (K Al-Said) B Hills 8-7	D Holland	—
110	(12)		RIVER DEFENCES (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-7	Paul Eddery	—
111	(5)		SHREWD PARTNER (Y Akazawa) D Elsworth 8-7	W Carson	—
112	(1)		TIME FOR A BET (P Savill) T Thomson Jones 8-7	K Darley	—

BETTING: 3-1 Lead The Dance, 7-2 River Defences, 4-1 Ezzoud, 11-2 Major's Law, 8-1 Nocatchim, 10-1 Najeb, 12-1 Time For A Bet, Personal Hazard, 14-1 others.

1990: JAHAFIL 9-1 W Carson (5-4 fav) W Hern 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

KILLY 4¾l 4th to Commanche Dancer at Chester (6f, good to firm). Previously, beat Fylde Flyer a short head at Haydock (6f, good to firm). LEAD THE DANCE 1½l 2nd to Mojave (rec 7lb) at Newmarket (6f, soft). Previously, beat Philidor, hard held, ½l in a maiden at Yarmouth (6f, firm).
PERSONAL HAZARD beat Owners Dream 5l at Chester (7f, good to firm). WILDE RUFO 6l 3rd of 4 to Showbrook in group II Anglia Television July Stakes at Newmarket (6f, good) on penultimate start. MAJOR'S LAW 3rd, promoted to 2¾l 2nd, to Mad Militant at Chester (7f, good to firm). EZZOUD (Foaled May 6, cost 360,000gns), by Last Tycoon out of 1m 2f winner Royal Sister II. Half-brother to top-class miler Distant Relative. NAJEB (Mar 9, $200,000), by Chief's Crown, half-brother to several winners in the United States. NOCATCHIM (Mar 3), by Shardari, half-brother to 7f juvenile winner Desert Sun and to sprinter Cutlers Corner.
RIVER DEFENCES (Apr 17), by Riverman out of 6f-7f group race winner Durtal. Half-brother to dual Gold Cup winner Gildoran. SHREWD PARTNER (Mar 27), by Ahonoora, half-brother to 7f winner Pot Of Gold.
Selection: LEAD THE DANCE

2.35 DONCASTER BLOODSTOCK SALES SCARBROUGH STAKES

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(Listed race: £11,842: 5f) (13 runners)

201	(8)	203331	MONTENDRE 19 (F,G) (Skeltools Ltd) M McCormack 4-9-11	S Cauthen	83
202	(12)	25121-0	MUJADIL 19 (CD,F,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-9-8	W Carson	87
203	(6)	5-04411	NOTLEY 43 (D,G,S) (D Cock) R Hannon 4-9-8	B Raymond	90
204	(10)	510305	SINGING STAR 18 (CD,F) (Five Star Racing) J Balding 5-9-8	G Duffield	86
205	(7)	010-603	BLYTON LAD 20 (CD,F,G) (Mrs J Addleshaw) W Pearce 5-9-7	S Webster	91
206	(9)	1112-30	NORTHERN GODDESS 118 (D,F,G) (N Harris) I Balding 4-9-5	R Cochrane	82
207	(2)	100-404	BE FRESH 41 (F,G) (Dr M Boffa) L Cumani 5-9-4	L Dettori	84
208	(3)	11146-3	ON TIPTOES 123 (D,F,G) (J Rowles) J Leigh 3-9-3	M Roberts	82
209	(1)	24P504	SIR HARRY HARDMAN 21 (B,D,G,S) (P Hobbs) F Lee 3-9-2	Dean McKeown	86
210	(5)	34-0306	VINTAGE ONLY 20 (D,F,G) (D Thompson) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-2	J Reid	84
211	(11)	211521	FOOD OF LOVE 21 (D,F,G) (J David Abell) J Berry 3-9-1	J Carroll	● 99
212	(13)	020558	DOMINIO 21 (D,F) (Mrs R Kennard) P Walwyn 3-9-0	Pat Eddery	84
213	(4)	2161	NIGHT DUTY 52 (D,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 2-8-1	Paul Eddery	70

BETTING: 7-2 Food Of Love, 5-1 Blyton Lad, 8-1 Be Fresh, Notley, 10-1 Montendre, 12-1 Dominio, Mujadil, Vintage Only, 16-1 Night Duty, Northern Goddess, Sir Harry Hardman, 20-1 others.

1990: RIVERS RHAPSODY 9-1 J Williams (8-1) G Balding 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

MONTENDRE beat Gentle Hero a short head at Newmarket (6f, good), with MUJADIL tailed-off 10th. Previously, 1l 3rd to case Law at Sandown (5f, good), with DOMINIO 1½l 5th and VINTAGE ONLY ½l 7th. NOTLEY beat Macrobian 2½l in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood (6f, good). BLYTON LAD 1½l 3rd to Sheikh Albadou in group I Keeneland Nunthorpe Stakes at York (5f, good). ON TIPTOES 5l 3rd to Doublova at Newmarket (6f, good). FOOD OF LOVE beat Sarcita (rec 22lb) 1½l in a handicap at York (5f, good), with SIR HARRY HARDMAN 5½l 4th and DOMINIO ½l 6th. Previously, ¾l 2nd to Title Roll in group III King George Stakes at Goodwood (5f, good), with BE FRESH 1l 4th, DOMINIO 1l 5th, BLYTON LAD 2l 8th and SIR HARRY HARDMAN 1¾l 10th. NIGHT DUTY 6½l 4th to Arazi in group II Prix Robert Papin at Maisons-Laffitte (5f 110yd, good).
Selection: FOOD OF LOVE

3.10 TOTE-PORTLAND HANDICAP (£20,600: 5f 140yd) (22 runners)

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301	(1)	012604	BOLD LEZ 67 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Ansell) M Haynes 4-9-10	B Raymond	87
302	(3)	200161	FARFELU 16 (B,D,F,G) (J O'Mulloy) W Muir 4-9-7	S Whitworth	92
303	(6)	140-821	WILD JESTER 4 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs E Phelan) P Flynn (Ire) 5-9-7 (7ex)	S Cauthen	● 99
304	(19)	401602	LUCEDEO 18 (D,F,G) (Non-Stop Promotions) J Spearing 7-9-2	Dean McKeown	91
305	(12)	231161	EAGER DEVA 60 (CD,F,G) (P Barrett) R Hollinshead 4-9-1	G Husband (5)	90
306	(14)	420400	LOVE LEGEND 22 (CD,F,G) (M Gilksten) D Arbuthnot 6-8-12	T Quinn	95
307	(5)	214250	HEAVEN-LIEGH-GREY 21 (CD,F,G) (P Dodd) J Berry 3-8-12	J Carroll	98
308	(18)	10-4000	BIT OF A LARK 21 (D,F) (R Mason) R Hollinshead 3-8-12	S Perks	91
309	(7)	304250	HINARI TELEVIDEO 11 (B,D,F,S) (M Johnston) M Johnston 5-8-9	R P Elliott	94
310	(4)	204324	VICEROY 12 (B,D,F,G) (F Gamma) W Pearce 4-8-9	D Nicholls	97
311	(2)	621555	SHE'S SMART 21 (D,F) (B Shaw) M H Easterby 3-8-8	M Birch	91
312	(9)	000005	TIMELESS TIMES 60 (D,F,G,S) (Times of Wigan) W O'Gorman 3-8-8	L Dettori	94
313	(21)	602105	LOVE RETURNED 15 (D,F,G,S) (J Ratcliffe) W Jarvis 4-8-6	M Tebbutt	94
314	(17)	130112	SARCITA 21 (D,BF,F,G,S) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 3-8-6	W Carson	95
315	(8)	113105	PLAIN FACT 35 (C,D,F,G,S) (G Moore) M Prescott 6-8-5	G Duffield	91
316	(11)	465200	MASTER POKEY 40 (C,F,G,S) (Lord Belper) M W Easterby 7-8-4	R Cochrane	93
317	(22)	4-10604	SO RHYTHMICAL 18 (D,F,G,S) (Miss C Barrow) G Eden 7-8-4	J Quinn	91
318	(15)	612501	MERTOLA'S PET 12 (D,F) (Capt J George) L Cottrell 5-8-3	N Carlisle	97
319	(16)	314250	BREEZY DAY 16 (D,G,S) (Mrs J McMahon) B McMahon 5-8-2	J Lowe	94
320	(13)	431400	BAYSHAM 25 (B,G) (W Butt) B Millman 5-8-1	R Price (5)	92
321	(20)	150522	REAL STUNNER 11 (D,BF,F) (P Davies) M Naughton 4-8-0	M Roberts	96
322	(10)	115004	WELSH SECRET 48 (D,F,S) (K Whaldon) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-0	D Holland	96

BETTING: 9-1 Sarcita, 11-1 So Rhythmical, 12-1 Mertola's Pet, Real Stunner, Welsh Secret, 14-1 Farfelu, Love Returned, Lucedeo, Wild Jester, 16-1 Bit Of A Lark, Heaven-Liegh-Grey, Love Legend, Master Pokey, Viceroy, 20-1 Eager Deva, Hinari Televideo, Plain Fact, She's Smart, 25-1 Bold Lez, Breezy Day, 28-1 Baysham, 33-1 Timeless Times.

1990: LOVE LEGEND 5-8-7 A Munro (12-1) D Arbuthnot 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLD LEZ 2½l 4th to Case Law in a listed race at Sandown (5f, good). FARFELU beat Cantons 1l at Sandown (5f, good). Previously, 3½l 6th to Notley at Goodwood (6f, good), with HINARI TELEVIDEO (12lb better off) ½l 8th, PLAIN FACT 2l 15th, LUCEDEO 2l 20th and LOVE LEGEND 2l 25th.
WILD JESTER beat Pharoah's Delight a neck at the Curragh (6f, good to firm). LUCEDEO 1l 2nd to Profilic at Newcastle (6f, good to firm). EAGER DEVA beat *LOVE RETURNED (7lb better off) 1l at Chester (5f,* good). SARCITA 1½l 2nd to Food Of Love at York (5f, good), with SHE'S SMART (7lb better off) 7l 5th, BIT OF A LARK (7lb better off) 5½l 7th and HEAVEN-LIEGH-GREY 21l 10th. SO RHYTHMICAL 1¾l 4th to Seamere at Newmarket (5f, good). MERTOLA'S PET beat Sports Post Lady 3½l at Chepstow (5f, good to firm), with VICEROY (11lb better off) 1¾l 4th. REAL STUNNER 2l 2nd to Bold Habit at Sandown (5f, good to firm), with HINARI TELEVIDEO 5½l 10th.
Selection: SO RHYTHMICAL

3.40 A F BUDGE PARK HILL STAKES

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(Group III: fillies: £22,743: 1m 6f 132yd) (11 runners)

401	(4)	1-46630	SESAME 52 (C,F,G,S) (C Spence) D Morley 6-9-5	W R Swinburn	98
402	(2)	0-5111	PATRICIA 27 (F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-8	S Cauthen	● 99
403	(10)	0-132	ALWAYS FRIENDLY 20 (S) (F Salman) H Candy 3-8-5	C Rutter	95
404	(8)	0-41034	AUSHERRA 53 (F,G) (F Salman) P Cole 3-8-5	C Rutter	90
405	(6)	63-0011	BE A HONEY 26 (F,G) (A Leftwich) N Graham 3-8-5	W Carson	86
406	(5)	44	INKALA 20 (Mrs E Quayle) J Eustace 3-8-5	A Cruz	70
407	(11)	4-25400	JAFFA LINE 60 (F) (Mrs P Sheen) D Elsworth 3-8-5	Pat Eddery	95
408	(7)	211	NIBBS POINT 20 (G) (Lady Halifax) L Cumani 3-8-5	L Dettori	96
409	(9)	011-303	REGENT'S FOLLY 83 (F,G) (Mrs H Lopes) W Jarvis 3-8-5	M Roberts	86
410	(1)	4-63122	RIVER PATROL 16 (F) (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 3-8-5	D Holland	87
411	(3)	22-2413	SOUGHT OUT 83 (D,F) (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 3-8-5	L Piggott	89

BETTING: 11-4 Patricia, 3-1 Nibbs Point, 11-2 Always Friendly, 13-2 Sesame, 8-1 Jaffa Line, 10-1 others.

1990: MADAME DUBOIS 3-8-9 S Cauthen (2-1) H Cecil 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

SESAME head 3rd to Mukddaam in a listed race at Newmarket (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start. PATRICIA beat Spendomania a head in group II Prix de Pomone at Deauville (1m 5f 110yd, good). Previously, beat La Sky 1½l in group III Lancashire Oaks at Haydock (1m 3f 200yd, good to firm), with AUSHERRA (3lb better off) 10l 3rd. ALWAYS FRIENDLY beat Sheroog 5l at Sandown (1m 2f, good to soft) in July. AUSHERRA 3l 4th to Lady Blessington in group III Prix Minerve at Evry (1m 4f, good). BE A HONEY beat Kilmarnock 1½l at Newbury (1m 4f, good to firm). JAFFA LINE 10l 7th to Possessive Dancer in group I Kildangan Stud Irish Oaks at the Curragh (1m 4f, good), with BE A HONEY ¾l 8th. NIBBS POINT beat ALWAYS FRIENDLY a neck in a listed race at York (1m 4f, good). REGENT'S FOLLY 5l 3rd to Torchon in the King George V Handicap at Royal Ascot (1m 4f, good). RIVER PATROL 2½l 2nd to Gai Bulga in a listed race at Newcastle (1m 2f, good to firm). SOUGHT OUT 7l 3rd to Third Watch in group II Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot (1m 4f, good), with JAFFA LINE 12l 8th.
Selection: PATRICIA

4.10 MAY HILL STAKES

C4

(Group III: 2-Y-O fillies: £19,254: 1m rnd) (13 runners)

501	(5)	3	ARDISIA 16 (F Salman) P Cole 8-8	T Quinn	82
502	(4)	5	BAHARLILYS 16 (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-8	M Roberts	78
503	(3)	1	ELEGANT SOLUTION 16 (F) (G Howard-Spink) J Hills 8-8	R Hills	87
504	(10)	5	FEMININE WILES 11 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-8	Paul Eddery	75
505	(1)	3	FERN 19 (BF) (Fittocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 8-8	L Dettori	96
506	(9)	124	FLOURISHING 32 (F) (V Miles) G Wragg 8-8	W R Swinburn	98
507	(7)	21	HIDDEN LAUGHTER 43 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-8	M Hills	89
508	(11)	013	KASIKCI 32 (G) (Mrs B Facchino) N Callaghan 8-8	G Duffield	90
509	(6)	12	MESAAFI 19 (G) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) W Hern 8-8	S Cauthen	● 99
510	(12)	21	MIDNIGHT AIR 21 (F) (M Poland) H Cecil 8-8	Pat Eddery	92
511	(2)	0	PARTY CITED 54 (R Tooth) P Kelleway 8-8	B Raymond	73
512	(13)	303	SUPER SARENA 19 (Sarena Plastics) D Elsworth 8-8	W Carson	97
513	(8)	5112	VENTURINA 32 (C,F) (Skyline Racing Ltd) M H Easterby 8-8	M Birch	91

BETTING: 11-4 Midnight Air, 7-2 Fern, 5-1 Mesaafi, 6-1 Hidden Laughter, 7-1 Super Sarena, 10-1 Venturina, others.

1990: MAJMU 8-8 W Carson (6-1) J Gosden 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELEGANT SOLUTION beat Shamba 1l at Sandown (7f, good to firm), with ARDISIA ½l 3rd and BAHARLILYS 2l 5th. FEMININE WILES 9¼l 5th to Twist And Turn at Sandown (1m, good to firm). FERN 1¾l 3rd to First Century at Newmarket (7f, good). HIDDEN LAUGHTER beat Brecon Beacons a short head at Goodwood (7f, good). MESAAFI 1l 2nd to Musicale in group III Prestige Stakes at Goodwood (7f, good), with SUPER SARENA ¾l 3rd. Previously, beat Canadian Capers 5l at Goodwood (6f, good). MIDNIGHT AIR made most of the running to beat Jazz 1½l, pair clear, at Yarmouth (7f, firm). Stable has a tremendous record in this race. VENTURINA 3½l 2nd to Pearl Angel in a listed race at Newmarket (7f, good), with KASIKCI a neck 3rd and FLOURISHING running-on 1l 4th.
Selection: MIDNIGHT AIR (nap)

4.40 SAINT GROUP PLC HANDICAP (£4,597: 1m 2f 60yd) (22 runners)

601	(1)	1-26330	MAGIC SECRET 21 (S) (S Suhail) B Hanbury 3-9-10	B Raymond	91
602	(19)	101240	NO SID NO STARS 69 (D,F) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) D Morley 3-9-8	W R Swinburn	94
603	(12)	631133	VAGUE DANCER 39 (BF,C,D,F,G,S) (K Wheldon) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-4	J Weaver (7)	94
604	(14)	06235	COUNT BARACHOIS 7 (D Brown) M Jarvis 3-9-2	Paul Eddery	91
605	(16)	04-0126	QUEEN OF INDIA 81 (CD,BF,F) (Mrs R Waters) J Gosden 3-9-1	G Duffield	90
606	(18)	100166	SCENIC DANCER 25 (D,F,G) (A Halaissi) A Hide 3-9-1	R Cochrane	96
607	(6)	004-040	CARLINGFORD 95 (F) (Mrs H Wane) H Whiting 5-9-1	G Hind	—
608	(8)	35000-3	ST PATRICK'S DAY 20 (Mrs J Hislop) C Brittain 3-9-1	M Roberts	93
609	(10)	000221	ABINGDON FLYER 6 (D,F) (J Nichols) R Hannon 3-9-0 (5ex)	R Perham (5)	90
610	(9)	3/16550-	PARKING BAY 312J (F) (Lord Cadogan) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-8-13	S Whitworth	89
611	(21)	0-42506	MACEDONAS 13 (P Theocharous) Miss A Whitfield 3-8-13	G Baxter	90
612	(20)	684203	WESTFIELD MOVES 37 (V,F,G) (A Walkley) H Collingridge 3-8-11	V Smith	95
613	(4)	456533	SUPER MORNING 18 (D,F,S) (J Maxwell) G Balding 5-8-11	J Williams	85
614	(3)	0032/65	MYSTICAL GUEST 48 (J Bostock) J Bostock 5-8-10	N Day	87
615	(2)	000/216	SYBILLIN 18 (D,F) (Marquesa de Moratalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-8-9	Pat Eddery	96
616	(11)	200300	CHORAL SUNDOWN 11 (CD,F,G) (D Ford) B Murray 5-8-8	J Lowe	● 99
617	(5)	0-33344	CALL FOR ROONEY 12 (T Mulrooney) A Smith 3-8-8	S Webster	93
618	(13)	6-56411	CRAZY HORSE DANCER 11 (D,F) (D Wosskow) J Etherington 3-8-7	K Darley	94
619	(7)	00663	KING OF CHANCE 18 (BF) (N De Savary) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-5	Dean McKeown	97
620	(15)	00-0	CARDEA CASTLE 34 (C Castle) B Ellison 3-7-10	A Tucker (5)	80
621	(17)	504050	SPRINGDALE HALL 35 (M Hartley) M W Easterby 3-7-9	L Charnock	85
622	(22)	36-5000	HEIR OF EXCITEMENT 25J (D,F) (D Hetherington) A Stringer 6-7-7	F Norton (5)	80

Long handicap: Heir Of Excitement 6-10

BETTING: 5-1 Vague Dancer, 11-2 Queen Of India, 6-1 Abingdon Flyer, 7-1 Crazy Horse Dancer, 8-1 King Of Chance, 10-1 Scenic Dancer, 12-1 Count Barachois, No Sid No Stars, 14-1 Choral Sundown, 16-1 others.

1990: TOP OF THE BILL 3-8-6 Pat Eddery (13-2) N Callaghan 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

NO SID NO STARS 12l 7th to Busted Rock at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good). VAGUE DANCER 3½l 3rd to Linpac Light at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). QUEEN OF INDIA ½l 2nd to Lord Oberon at Haydock (1m, good) on penultimate start. Previously, beat Dr Bill by 5l, over course and distance (firm), with WESTFIELD MOVES (15lb better off) 1¾l 4th. ABINGDON FLYER beat Strat's Legacy 1½l in a ladies' race at Brighton (1m 2f, good to firm). WESTFIELD MOVES 4½l 3rd to Tarda at Ripon (1m 1f, firm). SUPER MORNING ¾l 3rd to Jurz in an amateurs' race Goodwood (1m 2f, good). SYBILLIN beat Dancing Street a neck at Redcar (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. CRAZY HORSE DANCER beat Kagram Queen 1½l in a seller at Ripon (1m 2f, firm). Previously, beat the same rival 1l in similar company, over that course and distance (good to firm). KING OF CHANCE unlucky 2l 3rd to Owl On at Newcastle (1m 2f, good to firm), with SYBILLIN (3lb better off) 2½l 6th. CHORAL SUNDOWN 8l 10th.
Selection: KING OF CHANCE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	29	74	39.2	S Cauthen	28	135	20.7
L Cumani	19	60	31.7	Pat Eddery	28	166	16.9
J Gosden	7	23	30.4	R Cochrane	23	137	16.8
N Graham	5	18	27.8	B Raymond	21	135	15.6
W Hern	6	25	24.0	W Carson	25	174	14.4
M Stoute	14	67	20.9	M Roberts	18	132	13.6

DEVON & EXETER

MANDARIN
2.00 Bannister.
2.30 Takemethere.
3.00 Vision Of Wonder.
3.30 The Blue Boy.
4.00 Highland Chatter.
4.30 Arabian Sultan.

THUNDERER
2.00 Mascalls Lady.
2.30 The Pursewarden.
3.00 Vision Of Wonder.
3.30 The Blue Boy.
4.00 Father John.
4.30 Arabian Sultan.

GOING: HARD — SIS

2.00 KITSONS NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,550: 2m 1f) (9 runners)

1	6R3U-61	BANNISTER 14 (F) (R Payne) M Pipe 6-11-9	P Scudamore	—
2	P-	INDELIBLE MARK 8F (Mrs W Cohen) Mrs A King 5-11-9	R Dunwoody	—
3	64	UNTITLED 25 (G Wiltshire) D Wintle 4-11-7	A Carroll	—
4	PF/F0P-3	MASCALLS LADY 6 (Mrs M Cox) N Thomson 6-11-4	J Neaves (7)	—
5	U0F-0P6	ONENINEFIVE 6 (Mrs E Scott) G Ham 5-11-4	B Powell	—
6	F	WESTERN LOCH 8F (Mrs R Bates) R Hodges 4-11-2	A Tory	—
7		KING NODDY 285F (J Hamilton-Jones) B Palling 3-10-5	C Evans	—
8		SPECIAL REQUEST 37F (Albury Racing Ltd) R Curtis 3-10-5	D Morris	—
9	431	LILY SUGARS 7 (F) (R Taberner) R Juckes 3-10-3	M A Fitzgerald (7)	—

BETTING: 10-11 Bannister, 5-2 Lily Sugars, 6-1 Untitled, 8-1 Oneninefive, 12-1 Indelible Mark, 14-1 others.

1990: GORDANO 3-10-3 N Mann (13-8) R Holder 5 ran

2.30 PARKIN TRIANGLE NOVICES CHASE (£2,571: 2m 3f) (5 runners)

1	1431-51	TAKEMETHERE 19 (C,F,S) (J Greenwood) M Pipe 7-11-8	P Scudamore	—
2	U0050-	ASBAAB 209 (Mrs J Wonnacott) Mrs J Wonnacott 6-11-3	S Donohoe (5)	—
3	0403-22	CASINO MAGIC 16 (B) (Mrs M Wilson) J Spearing 7-11-3	S J O'Neill	—
4	51P/43-2	THE PURSEWARDEN 11 (BF,F) (Saxon House Partnership) Mrs F Walwyn 8-11-3	B de Haan	—
5	P0520-2	SPICE MERCHANT 19 (Mrs R Janks) N Gaselee 5-11-0	C Llewellyn	—

BETTING: 11-10 Takemethere, 9-4 The Pursewarden, 4-1 Casino Magic, 6-1 Spice Merchant, 20-1 Asbaab

1990: SEATON GIRL 6-10-11 J Frost (11-1) R Frost 5 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Pipe	81	207	39.1	P Scudamore	69	141	48.9
J White	3	15	20.0	M Foster	5	17	29.4
P Hobbs	20	115	17.4	C Maude	6	31	19.4
R Frost	13	92	14.1	J Frost	21	116	18.1
G Ham	7	56	12.5	Peter Hobbs	13	85	15.3
				A Tory	3	23	13.0

(Only qualifiers)

3.00 KITSONS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,660: 2m 3f) (6 runners)

1	412/12-2	VISION OF WONDER 15 (D,F) (F Carter) J King 7-11-10	S Smith Eccles	—
2	1P2-113	NORDIC DELIGHT 16 (V,C,BF,F,G) (G Jennings) M Pipe 4-11-10	D Richmond (7)	—
3	64305-5	RAMROD 33 (B,F) (B Rousell Ltd) P Hodges 6-10-11	A Tory	—
4	30124-3	ALBURY GREY 34 (BF,F) (Albury Racing Ltd) R Curtis 4-10-11	D Morris	—
5	421	TO BE FAIR 15 (F) (N Savery) P Hobbs 4-10-10	Peter Hobbs	—
6	5144-33	BENOIT 6 (F) (N De Savary) N Thomson 6-10-0	J Neaves (7)	—

Long handicap: Benoit 9-3

BETTING: 13-8 Nordic Delight, 2-1 Vision Of Wonder, 4-1 To Be Fair, 6-1 Albury Grey, 10-1 Ramrod, 25-1 Benoit.

1990: SQUADRON 7-11-7 P Scudamore (4-9 fav) M Pipe 2 ran

3.30 BBC RADIO DEVON NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,444: 2m 1f) (6 runners)

1	111	THE BLUE BOY 19 (B,CD,F) (T Few) M Pipe 10-13	P Scudamore	—
2		KASHMIR GOLD 336F (Mrs S Hooper) N Ayliffe 10-10	D Bridgwater (3)	—
3		QUINTESSENTIAL 25F (T Warfield) C Popham 10-10	B Powell	—
4		WATWICK BAY 188F (J Knowles) B Palling 10-10	C Evans	—
5		FOOLISH MASQUERADE 6F (B) (J Burr) R Hodges 10-5	W Irvine	—
6		GENUINE LADY (Mrs D Brazier) A Jarvis 10-5	T Jarvis	—

BETTING: 1-4 The Blue Boy, 5-1 Quintessential, 12-1 Genuine Lady, 16-1 Watwick Bay, 20-1 Foolish Masquerade, 25-1 Kashmir Gold

1990: HOPSCOTCH 10-8 P Scudamore (4-7 fav) M Pipe 4 ran

4.00 PARKIN MEMORIAL CUP NOVICES CHASE (£2,716: 3m 1f) (5 runners)

1	51/361R	FATHER JOHN 6 (B,F) (B Monk) M Muggeridge 7-11-7	W Irvine	—
2	P050/	CLEAR THE DECKS 1272 (A Figg) J White 7-11-4	A Jones	—
3	00P/5	HIGHLAND CHATTER 19 (B) (Hunt & Co (Bournemouth) Ltd) R Hodges 12-11-4	A Tory	—
4	00235-4	PLAGUE O' RATS 35 (C,F) (P Rogers) R Frost 7-11-4	J Frost	—
5	00/0-	SOME WHERE 287 (B) (A Joynson) Mrs J Wonnacott 7-11-4	S Donohoe (5)	—

BETTING: 6-4 Plague O'Rats, 5-2 Father John, 4-1 Highland Chatter, 6-1 Clear The Decks, 20-1 Some Where.

1990: LOCH RAVEN 14-10-11 T Rudd (3-1) B Eckley 2 ran

4.30 BBC RADIO CORNWALL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE

(£1,444: 2m 3f) (6 runners)

1	11	ARABIAN SULTAN 19 (C,F) (A H Steels Co Ltd) M Pipe 4-11-0	M Foster	—
2	400-521	MERANDI SPECIAL 8 (F) (G Hunt) J Thomas 4-11-0	D Rees (7)	—
3	0P20-50	ARCTICFLOW 6 (B) (N De Savary) N Thomson 6-10-12	J Neaves (5)	—
4	0-US0RR	FALSE ARREST 6 (Mrs E Graney) W G Turner 9-10-12	Martin Jones	—
5	233531-	SIGN POST 327 (F) (A Joynson) Mrs J Wonnacott 7-10-12	S Donohoe	—
6	3112-5P	SMALLWOOD WILLET 7 (D,F) (T Swaffield) R Buckler 11-10-12	C Maude	—

BETTING: 1-3 Arabian Sultan, 4-1 Merandi Special, 8-1 Sign Post, 14-1 Arcticflow, 20-1 Smallwood Willet, 33-1 False Arrest

1990 NORTHUMBRIAN KING 4 11-0 J Callaghan (4 11 fav) C Thornton 9 ran

PERTH

MANDARIN
2.15 Pamela's Lad. 2.45 Zam's Slave. 3.15 Jim Thorpe. 3.45 Azusa. 4.15 Azureus. 4.45 Direct Interest.

THUNDERER
2.15 Key Dear. 2.45 Zam's Slave. 3.15 Kirsty's Boy. 3.45 Azusa. 4.15 *Fast-Talkin Tinker.* 4.45 Direct Interest.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.15 EBF NOVICES HURDLE

(Qualifier: £1,898: 2m) (6 runners)

1	P-33	PAMELA'S LAD 18 M Hammond 5-11-0	P Niven
2	00-0	STAR OATS 26 G Richards 5-11-0	N Doughty
3	24-P	WILLIE SPARKLE 26 Mrs S Bradburne 5-11-0	Mr J Bradburne
4	20-2	KEY DEAR 28 Mrs S Bradburne 4-10-12	T Reed
5	50-F	MORE SWAG 5 Mrs S Bradburne 5-10-9	C Hawkins
6	0/	STEPDAUGHTER 690 Mrs S Bradburne 5-10-9	B Storey

Evens Key Dear, 11-4 Pamela's Lad, Star Oats, 10-1 Willie Sparkle, 25-1 others.

2.45 SOTHEBY'S NOVICES CHASE

(£2,705: 3m) (5)

1	080-	OFF THE BRU 119 Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-0	Mr J Bradburne
2	2234	VANTARD 9 (B) Mrs J Jordan 9-11-0	M Sharratt (7)
3	3-F3	WAYSIDE 5 V Thompson 9-11-0	R Garritty
4	0-3	WHO'S IN CHARGE 25 G Coatsworth 7-11-0	A Merrigan
5	41-3	ZAM'S SLAVE 26 (F) J Charlton 6-10-9	B Storey

7-4 Zam's Slave, 9-4 Vantard, 5-2 Wayside, 10-1 Who's In Charge, 20-1 Off The Bru.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Richards, 28 winners from 156 runners, 17.9%; M Hammond, 3 from 18, 16.7%; Denys Smith, 5 from 44, 11.4%. (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 11 winners from 26 rides, 42.3%; N Doughty, 15 from 73, 20.5%; J J Quinn, 4 from 20, 20.0%; P Niven, 13 from 68, 19.1%; R Garritty, 5 from 31, 16.1%; C Hawkins, 5 from 33, 15.2%.

3.15 ROYAL CALEDONIAN HUNT CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,737: 2m 4f) (4)

1	2P-4	JIM THORPE 26 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 10-11-10	N Leach (7)
2	111-	KIRSTY'S BOY 102 (C,D,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 8-11-4	G McCourt
3	2-23	IMPERTAIN 16 (CD,BF,F) T Cunningham 11-10-0	S Cunningham
4	42-4	THE LADY'S PARTNER 5 (B,F) V Thompson 9-10-0	N Smith (5)

11-8 Kirsty's Boy, 15-8 Jim Thorpe, 5-2 Impertain, 16-1 The Lady's Partner.

3.45 TENNENTS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,220: 2m 4f) (4)

1	4-11	AZUSA 16 (C,F,G) M Hammond 8-11-10	P Niven
2	251-	PRINCE BISHOP 156 (F,S) N Miller 5-11-9	J J Quinn
3	222-	NATIVE KNIGHT 274 (F) V Thompson 6-11-3	R Garritty
4	-SS1	GALLOWAY RAIDER 9 (D,F,S) Denys Smith 7-11-3 (4ex)	D Crossman (7)

6-4 Galloway Raider, 9-4 Azusa, 100-30 Native Knight, 9-2 Prince Bishop.

4.15 ROYAL CALEDONIAN HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,870: 2m) (7)

1	1	AZUREUS 20F (CD,F) Miss L Perratt 11-1	P Niven
2		CAVAK Mrs J Jordan 10-9	M Sharratt (7)
3		FAST FUN C Parker 10-9	B Storey
4	4	FAST-TALKIN TINKER 18 (BF) G Richards 10-9	N Doughty
5		FROZEN FOREST 242F S Kettlewell 10-9	R Garritty
6		TAILIT V Thompson 10-9	Mr S Lyons (7)
7		CLASSIC RING 18F J Charlton 10-4	A Orkney

4-5 Azureus, 11-4 Fast-Talkin-Tinker, 5-1 Classic Ring, 20-1 others.

4.45 FAIR MAIDS HANDICAP CHASE

(£2,897: 2m) (3)

1	12-3	SONSIE MO 26 (D,F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-12	Mr J Bradburne
2	411-	SIMPLE PLEASURE 138 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Stirk 8-11-11	A Orkney
3	1113	DIRECT INTEREST 9 (CD,F,G,S) Denys Smith 8-11-4	P Niven

6-4 Direct Interest, 15-8 Sonsie Mo, 2-1 Simple Pleasure.

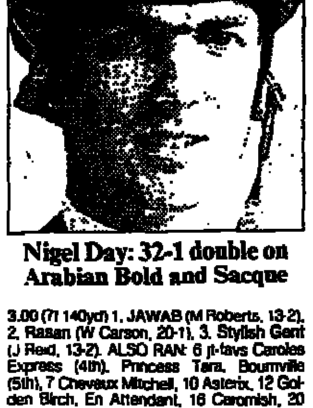
RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Lingfield Park

Going: Good to firm (turf); standard (all-weather)

2.00 (1m 4f) 1, ARABIAN BOLD (N Day, 7-4 fav). 2, Angel Love (Paul Eddery, 12-1); 3, Antico Nativo (G Baxter, 33-1). ALSO RAN. 7 Ushak, 15-2 Absent Relative (4th). 8 Bee Beat (6th), 9 Watch It Matey, 10 Malenoir, Island Desert (5th), 16 Bold Resolution, 20 Carole's Guest, 33 Hasty Spark, Schillachi, Legal Legacy, 50 Pontynyswen, Norwick Star 16 ran Nk, 5l, 1l, 3l, nk. W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote £2.60, £1.50, £1.90, £69.80 DF: £8.60. CSF: £24.79. 2min 30.48sec.

2.30 (6f) 1, SACQUE (N Day, 11-1); 2, Nashaat (W Carson, 7-2 fav); 3, Arturian (J Reid, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Ikteshaf, 7 Fay's Song, 15-2 *Running Glimpse,* 8 Grown At Rowan, Zeboim (4th), 9 Cee-En-Cee (5th), 10 Tauber, 12 Sully's Choice (6th), 14 Shikari's Son, 20 Parlos. 14 ran. NR: Darakah. Nk, nk, 2½l, nk, 4l. D Morley at Newmarket. Tote: £23.20; £5.30, £1.90, £4.40. DF: £15.30. CSF: £53.13. *Tricast: £390.87. 1min 09.87sec.*



Nigel Day: 32-1 double on Arabian Bold and Sacque

3.00 (7f 140yd) 1, JAWAB (M Roberts, 13-2). 2, Rasan (W Carson, 20-1), 3, Stylish Gent (J Reid, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 6 jt-favs Caroles Express (4th), Princess Tara, Bournville (5th), 7 Cheveux Mitchell, 10 Asterix, 12 Golden Birch, En Attendant, 16 Caromish, 20 Northern Conqueror (6th). Scotoni. 13 ran. Hd, nk, 2½l, 1½l, 4l. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote £7.10, £3.10, £5.40, £2.90. DF: £33.00 CSF £116.50 Tricast £793.58. 1min 29.36sec

3.30 (7f) 1, VUCHTERBACHER (T Wilson, 12-1); 2, Spring High (N Adams, 10-1); 3, Ain'tlifelikethat (Paul Eddery, 10-1); 4, Helawe (G Duffield, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Crosby (6th), 8 Scots Law, 10 Grand Guignol, Djebel Prince, 11 Wellsy Lad, 12 Shout Out, Rising Tempo, Sunley Sparkle, 14 Kristis Girl (5th), Orchard's Pet, 20 The Minder, 33 Nalem 16 ran 3l, nk, sh hd, hd, nk. P Tulk at Newmarket Tote: £19.10, £3.50, £2.50, £1.80, £2.20 DF: £84.10 CSF. £129.93. Tricast £1168.92. 1min 25.26sec.

4.00 (1m 2f) 1, CRONK'S DOMINION (Paul Eddery, 14-1). 2, Dr Maccarter (Emma O'Gorman, 2-1 fav); 3, Latin Leep (R Cochrane, 11-4). *ALSO RAN: 6 Hand Painted* (5th), 10 Billy Lomond (6th), 11 Merseyside Man, 12 Fallow Deer, Madam Jac (4th), Wileys Folly, 20 African Spirit, 25 Yuvraj, 33 Kreschim, 50 Sweet Decree. 13 ran NR: Heartburn Sh hd, 2l, 1½l, 4l, 3l G Lewis at Epsom Tote £17.80; £3.80, £1.50, £2.00. DF £31.60. CSF £44.54 2min 07.60sec No bid

4.30 (5f) 1, BORN TO BE (M Roberts, 20-1); 2, Wandering Stranger (T Sprake, 9-2); 3, Verde Alitalia (W Carson, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Prompting (5th), 7 Uccello, 10 Man Of The Season (4th), 16 Freephone, Peerage Prince, 20 Black Moss, Great Hall, 25 Jaromic, Waders Dream, 33 Bodari (6th), Easy Does It, Emaura. 15 ran. 1½l, 1l, 2½l, sh hd, hd. *S Dow at Epsom.* Tote: £27.70; £4.70, £2.20, £1.70. DF: £96.40. CSF: £108.84. 58.08sec.

5.00 (7f) 1, SNOW FOREST (W R Swinburn, 7-4 fav); 2, Green's Colourist (R Cochrane, 5-1); 3, Amaze (J Reid, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Utrillo (6th), 6 Alqairawaan, 20 Tahitian, Themaam, 25 Douray (4th), Top Royal (5th), 33 Live For Today, Old Man Mose, Tourterelle, 50 Stour Hill Lad, Sister Bridget, 100 Betalongabill, Cretoes Dancer, Erlemo, Easy Delta. 18 ran. NR: Hazy Shades. 4l, 2l, 1½l, 3½l, 1½l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £3.10; £1.40, £1.90, £1.60. DF £7.10. CSF: £11.94. 1min 22.40sec

Placepot: £28.20.

Leicester

Going: good to firm

1.50 (1m 8yd) 1, Sixofus (W Ryan, 5-1); 2, Kirby Opportunity (14-1); 3, Be The Best (4-1 fav). 13 ran. 5l, 1l. R Boss. Tote. £5.60; £1.80, £3.10, £1.70 DF: £41.40. CSF: £63.52.

2.20 (1m 8yd) 1, Congress (Pat Eddery, 13-2), 2, Pica (5-2); 3, Cappahoosh (20-1) Dazzling Fire 9-4 fav 11 ran. 6l, 6l M Stoute Tote: £7.00; £1.90, £1.10, £5.80. DF: £7.20. CSF: £21.99.

2.50 (1m 8yd) 1, Up The Punjab (T Quinn (8-1); 2, Tolls Choice (16-1); 3, Between Two Fires (9-1); 4, Dara Melody (16-1) Satan Sunrise 6-1 fav. 20 ran. 1½l, 1½l, 1l. S Dow. Tote. £6.60; £1.70, £11.40, £2.10, £3.80. DF: £94.20 CSF. £119.29. Tricast. £1079.50. No bid

3.20 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, Man Of Gold (Pat Eddery, 13-2); 2, Here He Comes (12-1), 3, Beecaby Boy (4-1 jt-fav). Mai Pen Rai 4-1 jt-fav. 14 ran 1½l, 3l. J Gosden. Tote: £9.30, £3.20, £3.20, £1.80. *DF: £77.80. CSF: £80.14.* Tricast £330.43.

3.50 (7f 9yd) 1, Cosmic Future (B Rouse, 8-1); 2, Nimble Deer (10-1); 3, Safeong (11-8 fav). 19 ran. NR: Usaidit. 1½l, 1½l. A Hide. *Tote: £10.00;* £3.00, £2.70, £1.50. DF: £33.30 CSF £54.89.

4.20 (7f 9yd) 1, Songster (L Piggott, 4-1 fav). 2, Illuminating (20-1); 3, Zoom Lens (14-1) 19 ran. 1½l, 1l. John FitzGerald Tote: £4.30; £1.70, £13.10, £2.60 DF: £77.90 CSF: £71.64.

4.50 (1m 8yd) 1, Unanimous (Pat Eddery, 6-4 fav), 2, Seaside Minstrel (6-1); 3, Chew It Over (8-1). 13 ran. 1½l, hd. N Callaghan. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £1.80, £2.40. DF: £5.60. *CSF: £10.72.*

5.20 (1m 3f 183yd) 1, Petavious (L Dettori, 10-1); 2, Incola (14-1); 3, Musicale Note (16-1); 4, Nazeemah (10-1). Raise A Star 4-1 fav. 21 ran. NR: Princess Moodyshoe. 2l, ¾l, 1½l. Lady Herries Tote: £14.90; £2.70, £2.40 *£3.60, £3.20. DF: £65.70 CSF: £141.01.* Tricast: £2,045.90.

Placepot: £201.60.

Carlisle

Going: hard

2.15 (5f 207yd) 1, Parfait Amour (A Culhane, 6-4); 2, Hadaad (Evens fav); 3, Alphonso (16-1). 8 ran. 1l, nk. R Whitaker. Tote. £3.10; £1.10, £1.10, £2.20. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.05. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

2.45 (5f) 1, Palacegate Jewel (L Charnock, 7-1); 2, Motovski (11-4 fav); 3, Faroots (8-1) 10 ran. ½l, 1½l. J Berry. Tote: £6.80; £1.90, £1.60, £2.70 DF: £10.70. CSF: £24.52. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.15 (5f) 1, Brisas (J Fanning, 10-1); 2, Glencroft (12-1); 3, Filicaia (11-2). 8 ran 1½l, ¾l. T Fairhurst. Tote: £12.20; £1.80, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £150.00. CSF. £100.28. Tricast: £654.50. Tongue Tied (10-11 fav) finished first but after a stewards' enquiry was placed last.

3.45 (6f 206yd) 1, Sense Of Priority (K Darley, 1-5 fav; Private Handicapper's top *rating*); 2, *Kick On Majestic* (10-1); 3, Jomove (25-1). 6 ran. NR: Kelly Colleen. 8l, 1½l. M H Easterby. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.60. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.22

4.15 (1m 6f 32yd) 1, Emile (B Raymond, 11-10 fav), 2, Zahr (R Hills, 6-4); 3, Rass Vale (14-1). 5 ran. 5l, 3½l. D Morley. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £1.30. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.83

4.45 (7f 214yd) 1, Peru (B Raymond, 7-1); 2, Top Scale (11-1); 3, Not Yet (13-2). Irish Passage 4-1 fav. 12 ran. NR: Chance Report. ¾l, ½l. *J Watts. Tote: £7.40; £1.90, £3.20,* £3.90. DF: £28.70. CSF: £73.68 Tricast: £473.67.

Placepot: £20.20.

French win for Balding's filly

REGAL Scintilla gave Toby Balding a group three victory in France yesterday when beating Stormagain by a short neck in Longchamp's Prix d'Arenberg.

Ridden by Guy Guignard, Regal Scintilla, the 8.4-1 outsider of four, had to survive an objection from Eric Saint-Martin on the runner-up.

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McKean has no answer as Africans strike

Konchellah leads Kenyans to clean sweep at grand prix

From DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN BERLIN

PERHAPS Tom McKean's sense of loss at his world championship failure will not be so great after the outcome of his 800 metres race in IAAF/Mobil grand prix meeting here last night. McKean was handsomely beaten by Billy Konchellah, the world champion, not to mention two more Kenyans, William Tanui and Robert Kibet, as well.

McKean had defeated Konchellah in Cologne on Sunday and another win over him here would have served only to heighten the Scot's feelings of what might have been had he not eased up so much in his heat in Tokyo that he was passed on the line and failed to qualify for the second round.

He ran boldly here, coming off the bend in a commanding position, but tied up in the last 30 metres as Konchellah came past to win in 1min 45.95sec. McKean placed fourth in 1min 46.23sec.

Two American sprint hurdlers who excelled in Tokyo, Jack Pierce and Gail Devers-Roberts, have reacted in contrasting ways to their successes. Neither could have expected silver medals, and, while Pierce's performances since have been an anti-climax, the remarkable story of Devers-Roberts gathers pace.

In her first race since the world championships, Devers-Roberts improved the United States 100 metres hurdles record by 0.13sec to 12.48sec. She began the year facing a prospect of having her feet amputated because of a thyroid condition known as Graves Disease. Now she is less than 0.3sec away from the world record of 12.21sec, held by Yordanka Donkova, of Bulgaria. Pierce, who anhilated his previous best to deny Britain's Tony Jarrett a silver medal in the 110 metres hurdles, was only third in Cologne on Sunday and even worse here.

In a race won in 13.47sec by Tony Dees, who failed even to make the United States team for Tokyo, Pierce was fifth in 13.60sec.

At the age of 36, Yuri Sedykh's competitive drive shows no sign of slowing down. In Tokyo, he confirmed his position as the greatest hammer thrower of all time, winning the one significant championship gold medal to have escaped his grasp. Sedykh has been Olympic champion twice and European champion three times.

Here, throwing 80.24 metres, some six metres below his world record, Sedykh defeated three of the world championship top five — Heinz Weis, the German who won the bronze medal, Tibor Gecsek, from Hungary, who was fourth, and Andrei Abduvaliyev, his Soviet compatriot who was fifth.

RESULTS: Men: 110m hurdles: 1, T Dees (US), 13.47sec; 2, F Schwarthoff (Ger), 13.49; 3, C Hawkins (US), 13.50. Hammer: 1, Y Sedykh (USSR), 80.24m; 2, T Gecsek (Hun), 78.58; 3, H Weis (Ger), 77.46. Women: 100m hurdles: 1, G Devers-Roberts (US), 12.48sec; 2, N Grigoryeva (USSR), 12.76; 3, J Baumann (Switz), 12.88.

Positive drug test query

OSLO (Reuter) — Georg Andersen, a Norwegian policeman and the shot silver medal winner at the world athletics championships, said yesterday he had failed a drugs test but denied taking banned substances.

Two samples of Andersen's urine taken in Norway in July showed traces of anabolic steroids. A commission is investigating if the reading could have been caused by stomach medicine.

"He will not be allowed to keep his medal if there is a judgment against him," Lars Martin Kaupang, the president of the Norwegian Athletics Association, said.

Front-running loser: McKean could place no better than fourth in Berlin last night

SPORTS POLITICS

Infighting forces postponement of Unity Games

By DAVID MILLER

THE Unity Games, two athletics meetings to have been staged between competitors of South Africa and other African nations, have been postponed. Continuing political friction within the new, supposedly unified South African Amateur Athletic Association (SA AAA) has forced the South Africans to call off the two-part event, scheduled for Dakar and Johannesburg in early October and announced by Primo Nebiolo in Tokyo last month.

This is a second major setback for the International Amateur Athletic Federation, which had earlier hoped to include South African competitors in the recent world championships. Political friction torpedoed that attempt too.

The first sport now to re-embrace South Africa, after the return to the fold of the South African Olympic committee, has been gymnastics. A South African team is included in the world championships currently being staged at Indianapolis.

The abandonment, for the time being, of the Unity Games was forced by another walkout by the SA Athletics Board, the coloured body, from discussions by the amalgamated SA AAA on its constitution. At the weekend, the former Union body (white administered, but non-racial and embracing the majority of all athletes of any colour) and the Congress (Afro-black) had agreed on merging without the board.

Arnold Stofile and Steve Tshwete, mediators from the African National Congress, have persuaded the SA AAA to continue with negotiations. Harry Hendricks, the leader of both the board and the politically militant South African Council on Sport (Sacos), said that international competition should only be resumed "when the last vestiges of apartheid had been eradicated".

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, said on hearing of the decision: "This is a great pity. I do not think that the Olympic Games in Barcelona will be a problem, because maybe Sacos is primarily influential in athletics. If we have to wait for one-man-one-vote, how long might that be? There are other countries within the Olympic movement who are without that situation."

Sam Ramsamy, president of the readmitted SA Olympic committee, is juggling with a sporting-political controversy that may be beyond his influence. Hendricks and his sympathisers are determined to play the political game to the last card before accepting international sports involvement. Their view is: "The Unity Games should not be part of the process to achieve that unity, they should celebrate unity."

Stofile and Tshwete will attempt to use their influence to draw the board back into the debate.

GOLF

Hapless Szewczul on wrong course

By JOHN HENNESSY

EIGHT American Walker Cup players are expected to dominate the Amateur championship this week, but it was a less distinguished compatriate who, sadly, claimed the attention yesterday. Through mis-reading the draw sheet, David Szewczul, a former Connecticut state champion, aged 37, presented himself at the first tee at the right time, 2.40pm, but at the wrong course.

He was due to play his first qualifying round at Scarborough North Cliff, but, having visited that course in the morning, he ambled across to Ganton only to discover himself on an overcrowded first tee.

He was understandably distraught and, accompanied by his wife, Lisa, made an impassioned appeal to Michael Bonallack, all to no effect. "I know you've got a rule, but haven't you got a heart?" Lisa pleaded.

Bonallack recalled an occasion when he was disqualified for the same reason.

It has been a ghastly weekend for the Szewczuls. They arrived at Leeds airport on Friday, two days in advance of their luggage. The trip, solely for the Amateur, has cost them $5,000 and the only saving grace is that Bonallack has invited David to take his place in today's programme at Ganton; but to no significant purpose, of course.

The Walker Cup players, home and away, failed to distinguish themselves, though, with a few players still out on the two courses, only Gary Hay, a former Scottish professional, and Mike Sposa, from Florida, aged 22, seemed in danger of missing the matchplay stage, confined to the top 64 and ties.

Hay scored 76, five over par, at Scarborough North Cliff, nine shots behind the leader. Sposa was only one shot better off there. The lowest round of the day, a four-under-par 67, was achieved by John Ambridge, at Scarborough North Cliff, in spite of the worry of being caught up in the Keith Prowse collapse.

He and his wife run a sports promotion business with 30 clients booked for the rugby World Cup. The sum involved is between £25,000 and £30,000.

However heavy that burden may be, it seemed to affect him only on the opening and closing holes. Fours at the long 8th and 9th enabled him to turn one under par, and three birdies in a row from the 11th, plus another at the 17th, fully compensated for his three-putt at the last. Then his mind dwelt on other matters. "I don't know how the business situation is," he said. "I've just got to wait and see."

The lowest score at Ganton, with some cards still to come in, was 70, one under par, shared by Raymond Russell, a Scottish youth international, and Matthew Stanford, newly introduced to the full England team.

Russell holed a six-iron from 200 yards for an albatross at the 9th (494 yards), followed by another two at the short 10th.

FIRST DAY RESULTS

GANTON: 70: R Russell (Longniddry), M Stanford (Saltford). 71: M Thompson (Ferndown). 72: I D Pyman (Sand Moor), A Mew (Stoneham), N Swaffield (Stourbridge), M Evans (US), R A Hutt (Southport and Ainsdale). 73: J Siegel (US), D Yates (US), S Graham (Ham Manor), C O'Carroll (Brynhill), S Lovey (Neath), D Lee (Wanstead), M McGuire (Drayton Park), B Botes (SA), D Duval, 74: A Prat (Sp), J Hodgson (Tytherington), R Muntz (Neth), A M Doyle (US), M Florioli (It), P Page (Dartford), F Cupillard (Fr), G Hickman (Carnoustie), I Garbutt (Wheatley), M Kelley (Ganton), N Fasth (Sweden), C Beautell (Sp), S Davis (Kedleston Park), S Cage (Sand Moor), G Wolstenholme (Bristol and Clifton), R May (US).

SCARBOROUGH NORTH CLIFF: 67: J Ambridge (West Herts). 68: W Bennett (Ruislip), C Watts (Hawkstone Park) 69: R Stevens (Kings Norton), G Zahringer (US), C Watson (East Renfrewshire). 70: T Trodd (Langley Park), D Crawford (Sandyhills), R Scott (Wanstead), M Seaton (Gogg Magog). 71: D De Vooght (Bel), D Young (Saltford), T Manotoc (Por), N Vanhootegem (Bel), I Ford (Kelso), C Kilgour (Ravensworth), W Bryson (Drumpellier). 72: S Tilley (Middlesbrough), R Walton (Calcot Park), M Dove (Broadway), D McGrane (Headfort), M Aragnetti (It), M Pullen (Sand Moor) 73: J Higginbotham (Bramhall), N Ludwell (Selby), C Fort (Nelson), M Scholtz (SA), J Milligan (Barassie), L Westwood (Worksop) D Rooke (Pontefract), J Putt (Frilford Heath), M Voges (US), M Foster (Bradford), D Downey (Ladybank).

Larkins shows the way as Northamptonshire's batsmen perform right down the order

Notts add to woe of Derby

DERBYSHIRE, whose challenge for the Britannic Assurance county championship was snuffed out in an innings defeat by Essex last week, were on the receiving end once again yesterday (Marcus Williams writes).

They put **Nottinghamshire** in on a green pitch at Derby, but Pollard (123) and Robinson (145) contributed a second-wicket partnership of 265 in 75 overs towards a total of 376 for five, a useful platform in a match that should help to resolve the minor placings.

Malcolm was again unfit and Derby were further handicapped when Mortensen was taken ill at lunchtime and Base developed a rash of no-balls, 17 in 13 overs.

Glamorgan's bowlers forced **Worcestershire** to struggle at Cardiff, but Curtis produced another captain's innings, batting all day for 136 in a total of 283 for six. Not even the joy of being selected for his first England tour could help Hick emerge from his rut; he lasted four balls.

Athey again held the **Gloucestershire** batting together with a stubborn 90 against the bottom county, **Somerset**, at Bristol. Cook was 21 not out at the close, still needing 428 to reach 3,000 runs for the season.

Unhelpful pitch confronts leaders with a stiff task

By JACK BAILEY

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 364 for nine wickets

ALTHOUGH a wary eye on the score at Leicester told Warwickshire that Essex, their chief rivals for the county championship, were faring little better than themselves, that will have been of little consolation. At the end of the day, they were in the red not only to the tune of Northamptonshire's score, which soared beyond 350, but also because, on yesterday's evidence, this resited pitch is one on which only Donald of an almost exclusively seam attack can extract life — and there are doubts about his fitness.

The absence from the field at different times of both Reeve and Donald does not yet, however, spell disaster. Reeve re-emerged and, while Donald did not, his injury is described as a "tweak of not too serious a nature". Even so, Warwickshire's task is now a formidable one. Northamptonshire batted ominously well, right down the order, although nobody moved out of the seventies.

Curran was out to the second new ball with 71 to his name; Larkins dazzled and devastated the Warwickshire attack early on; Lamb's 74 was not wholly convincing, but he took his total runs for the last month to more than 600; Bailey was in little trouble before an absolute corker from Donald removed his off stump. All this, after Warwickshire had decided to field first.

Harry Brind's suggestion, at the end of the controversial defeat of Worcestershire, that the pitch for this match be located at the opposite end of the square from the one originally selected, has undoubtedly avoided any charge of malpractice by Warwickshire. Larkins, after a brief look round in only his sixth championship match of the season, revelled on it.

Fordham fell early, glancing Donald to leg and being well taken by Piper, but a hundred more runs were scored before the next wicket fell, and Larkins took the lion's share. It was not long before he was lofting the persistent Munton straight over his head into untenanted spaces and he went to 52 out of 75 with a six and three fours in an over off the same bowler.

Munton had his revenge during a marathon spell of 17 overs and after Larkins had reached his highest score of the season. Larkins had made 75 from 103 balls, hitting 13 fours and a six.

He was impossible to emulate. Lamb tried, but used the outside edge more than the middle of the bat to begin with and spent more than two-and-a-half hours at the crease before, in Donald's last over, he was yorked, wickedly, as the ball hit his leg stump.

Curran came closest to Larkins His half-century came from 66 balls and he hit some murderous blows. Throughout it all, Neil Smith carried the flag for spin, pitching his off breaks, getting some turn, and picking up three good wickets.

Waqar shines in promising start

By RICHARD STREETON

LORD'S (first day of four; Middlesex won toss): Surrey, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 159 runs behind Middlesex

WAQAR Younis took five wickets in an innings for the thirteenth time this season yesterday as Surrey dismissed Middlesex for a modest 224 shortly after tea. Surrey reached 65 for one by the close to complete a promising start in a match they need to win to maintain their chance of finishing in the championship's first four places.

Waqar hit the stumps four times and gained one leg-before decision and was well supported by Martin Bicknell, who took three wickets. Together they prevented Middlesex from consolidating after Ramprakash and Roseberry had shared an attrative three-figure stand.

Both fast bowlers had to work hard for their rewards on the slow pitch, which was used for last weekend's NatWest trophy final. Before this match finishes, though, it seems certain that the decisive role will be played by the spin bowlers and it is no coincidence that both teams have two to call upon.

When Surrey batted, Emburey was unfortunate to have Darren Bicknell, who was then 15, dropped by the wicketkeeper in his first over.

Ramprakash and Roseberry before lunch provided the only assertive stroke play seen in the Middlesex innings. On a hazy morning they were soon in action together after Headley was run out which gave no opportunity to evaluate the quixotic decision to use someone normally seen in the lower order as an opening batsman.

Ramprakash drove straight and through the covers with classical grace and timing. Roseberry struck the ball with more obvious robustness as they added 117 together. Otherwise, the batting followed a pedestrian pattern. Only 86 runs came in the afternoon period and at one point 24 overs passed without a four being hit.

The Middlesex slump began after lunch when Roseberry edged a ball from Waqar on to his stumps as he tried to drive and the Pakistani went on to beat Gatting by sheer pace. In the next over Ramprakash was leg-before to Bicknell to end an innings marked by perfect timing which brought 13 fours.

By tea Weekes, at silly point, and Emburey, at second slip, had gone to good catches and the last four wickets fell rapidly as Waqar took his wicket aggregate to 109 for the season.

Azharuddin gains cap

MOHAMMAD Azharuddin, Derbyshire's Indian Test batsman, was awarded his county cap on the opening day of the championship match against Nottinghamshire at Derby. Azharuddin has repaid Derbyshire by scoring 1,920 first-class runs at an average of 60 with seven centuries.

Irani keeps rampant off spinners at bay

By IVO TENNANT

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of four): England Under-19, with two first-innings wickets in hand, are 222 runs behind Australia Under-19

IF THIS was not a good day to be an Englishman, but there was at least some satisfaction to be had if you were a Lancastrian. Ronnie Irani was the one bullwark England under 19 had against following on, making an unbeaten 89. He has more to do today against spinners who are nothing if not rampant.

Every wicket that fell yesterday was taken by an off spinner. Indeed, there was hardly any other kind of bowling. Pearson dealt with the Australian lower order and tail, finishing with figures of seven for 146, whereupon Castle and Fraser proved as effective — and more economical. They took eight wickets between them.

Australia, 367-6 overnight, finished with 476, Linhart and Barr making 186 in 50 overs. Having not scored a run in the series, Barr made an unbeaten 113. He had batted only once before but this was still a considerable achievement. Much stronger when playing to leg, he struck 13 fours and three sixes.

Australia were without Kasprowicz, their injured quick bowler, and the upshot was that the off spinners were on even quicker than they would have been on this dry pitch. Castle, a Tasmanian, is the more aggressive and no doubt the better of the two, but Fraser it was who took the vital wickets of Crawley and Smith.

These were not good shots, one batsman chipping a return catch and the other picking out short mid-wicket. Lathwell and Rollins also seemed to lack for concentration. So when Irani started putting some beef into his shots, England at last had something to appreciate. By the close he had struck 14 fours and a further 73 runs were needed to avert the follow-on. It may be that Australia will prefer not to bat last, so dry is the pitch.

☐ The newly-formed United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) has planned the country's first tour following its readmission to the International Cricket Council (ICC) in June. For the first time an under-15 party will play three representative matches against their counterparts in England starting on August 2.

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Warwickshire v Northamptonshire

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 364 for nine wickets against Warwickshire

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham c Piper b Donald	6
W Larkins b Munton	75
R J Bailey b Donald	49
*A J Lamb b Donald	74
N A Stanley b Smith	32
D J Capel b Smith	2
K M Curran c Piper b Small	71
E A E Baptiste lbw b Smith	12
A R Roberts not out	15
†W M Noon c Lloyd b Reeve	5
A Walker not out	0
Extras (b 9, lb 7, nb 7)	23
Total (9 wkts)	364

Score after 100 overs: 348-7.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-114, 3-141, 4-207, 5-211, 6-288, 7-325, 8-350, 9-363.

WARWICKSHIRE: A J Moles, J D Ratcliffe, *T A Lloyd, D P Ostler, D A Reeve, Asif Din, N M K Smith, †K J Piper, G C Small, T A Munton and A A Donald.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 3, Northamptonshire 4

Umpires: H D Bird and G I Burgess

Derbys v Notts

DERBY (first day of four; Derbyshire won toss): Nottinghamshire have scored 376 for five wickets against Derbyshire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad c Azharuddin b Cork	14
P R Pollard c Barnett b Bowler	123
*R T Robinson b Base	145
P Johnson c Barnett b Bowler	0
D W Randall c Krikken b Cork	27
M A Crawley not out	4
M Saxelby not out	7
Extras (b 4, lb 29, w 1, nb 22)	56
Total (5 wkts)	376

Score after 100 overs: 316-3.

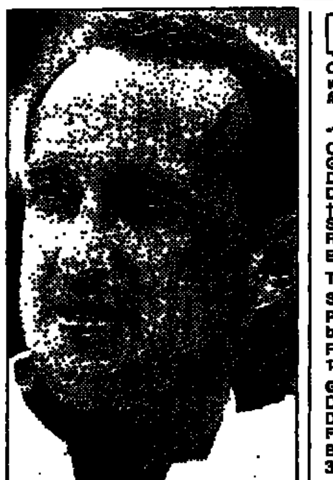
F D Stephenson, †B N French, R A Pick and V J P Broadley to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-301, 3-301, 4-350, 5-364.

DERBYSHIRE: *K J Barnett, P D Bowler, J E Morris, M Azharuddin, T J G O'Gorman, S C Goldsmith, †K M Krikken, D G Cork, A E Warner, S J Base and O H Mortensen.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 1, Nottinghamshire 4.

Umpires: J W Holder and D O Oslear.



Athey: falls ten runs short of his century

Middlesex v Surrey

LORD'S (first day of four; Middlesex won toss): Surrey, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 159 runs behind Middlesex

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

M A Roseberry b Waqar	53
D W Headley run out	2
M R Ramprakash lbw b M P Bicknell	85
*M W Gatting b Waqar	8
K R Brown b Waqar	34
P N Weekes c Greig b Bolling	0
J E Emburey c Lynch b M P Bicknell	6
N F Williams c Lynch b M P Bicknell	18
†P Farbrace lbw b Waqar	0
P C R Tufnell lbw b Waqar	1
N G Cowans not out	6
Extras (lb 8, nb 3)	11
Total (74.3 overs)	224

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-123, 3-151, 4-157, 5-163, 6-190, 7-208, 8-208, 9-218.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 17.3-3-53-5; M P Bicknell 20-4-62-3; Feltham 14-2-48-0; Kendrick 11-3-34-0; Bolling 12-3-19-1.

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell not out	38
†N F Sargeant lbw b Williams	2
G P Thorpe not out	22
Extras (b 2, w 1)	3
Total (1 wkt)	65

D M Ward, M A Lynch, *I A Greig, M A Feltham, M P Bicknell, N M Kendrick, J Bolling and Waqar Younis to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-13.

Bonus points: Middlesex 2, Surrey 4.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and R A White.

Glamorgan v Worcs

CARDIFF (first day of four; Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 283 for six wickets against Glamorgan

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*T S Curtis not out	136
C M Tolley b Frost	15
G A Hick c Metson b Frost	4
D A Leatherdale c Metson b Barwick	24
D B D'Oliveira c Morris b Barwick	2
†S J Rhodes c Metson b Frost	19
S R Lampitt b Barwick	31
R K Illingworth not out	22
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 3, nb 19)	30
Total (6 wkts)	283

Score after 100 overs: 257-6.

P J Newport, R D Stemp and N V Radford to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-29, 3-90, 4-97, 5-135, 6-210.

GLAMORGAN: *A R Butcher, H Morris, A Dale, M P Maynard, R J Shastri, S P James, R D B Croft, †C P Metson, S R Barwick, D J Foster and M Frost.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 2, Worcestershire 3.

Umpires: R Palmer and A G T Whitehead.

Gloucs v Somerset

BRISTOL (first day of four; Gloucestershire won toss): Somerset, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 234 runs behind Gloucestershire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

G D Hodgson c Burns b MacLeay	29
C W J Athey c Rose b MacLeay	90
*A J Wright lbw b Mallender	16
M W Alleyne lbw b Hallett	47
J W Lloyds c Cook b Rose	3
T H C Hancock c Tavaré b Mallender	12
†R C Russell run out	0
D V Lawrence c Tavaré b Hallett	30
D R Gilbert c Bartlett b Rose	28
A M Babington c Burns b Lefebvre	1
M J Gerrard not out	2
Extras (lb 9, nb 7)	16
Total (99 overs)	274

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-87, 2-133, 3-173, 4-178, 5-202, 6-202, 7-242, 8-245, 9-248.

BOWLING: Mallender 20-6-44-2; Hallett 19-2-71-2; Lefebvre 21-4-64-1; Rose 20-5-48-2; MacLeay 12-4-28-2; Trump 7-4-12-0.

SOMERSET: First Innings

S J Cook not out	21
†N D Burns not out	15
Extras (lb 1, nb 3)	4
Total (no wkt, 8 overs)	40

R J Harden, *C J Tavaré, R J Bartlett, K H MacLeay, G D Rose, R P Lefebvre, N A Mallender, H R J Trump and J C Hallett to bat.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 2, Somerset 4.

Umpires: A A Jones and B J Meyer.

Bull under-19 match

England Under-19 v Australia Under-19

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of four): England, with two first-innings wickets in hand, are 222 runs behind Australia

AUSTRALIA UNDER-19: First Innings

G S Blewett b Pearson	78
G J Hayne c Rollins b Broadhurst	3
*D R Martyn c Crawley b Bainbridge	31
M R Foster b Pearson	45
†A C Gilchrist b Pearson	45
M J Fraser lbw b Welch	23
C P Linhart c Weston b Pearson	88
G D Barr not out	113
D J Castle st Rollins b Pearson	6
S H Cook c Welch b Pearson	6
A R Littlejohn c Welch b Pearson	3
Extras (b 7, lb 9, w 2, nb 17)	35
Total	476

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-111, 3-141, 4-217, 5-238, 6-261, 7-447, 8-462, 9-472.

BOWLING: Broadhurst 21-1-87-1; Welch 17-2-52-1; Lathwell 6-1-37-0; Irani 9-2-42-0; Bainbridge 43-12-96-1; Pearson 54-14-146-7.

ENGLAND UNDER-19: First Innings

W P C Weston c Hayne b Castle	36
M B Loye c Gilchrist b Castle	8
*J P Crawley c and b Fraser	35
B F Smith c Castle b Fraser	6
M Lathwell b Castle	27
R Irani not out	89
G Welch c Fraser b Castle	14
†R Rollins c Gilchrist b Fraser	5
M Bainbridge lbw b Castle	9
R M Pearson not out	5
Extras (b 12, lb 2, w 2, nb 4)	20
Total (8 wkts)	254

M Broadhurst to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-92, 3-98, 4-98, 5-140, 6-168, 7-201, 8-239.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and B Leadbeater.

Britannic Assurance county championship

10.30, 110 overs minimum

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Somerset.
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Worcestershire.
DERBY: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Essex.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Surrey.

Bull under-19 international

Youth Test (third day)

OLD TRAFFORD: England v Australia.

CANOEING

Brothers aim to overtake Hungarians

BRITAIN sends a 13-strong team to the Marathon World Cup in Berlin this month (a Special Correspondent writes). Taking place on river and canal, the race is a circuit of the city.

In the British team are the world sprint championship bronze medal winners, Steve and Andy Train from Fladbury. Moving back to the marathon distance at which they became the first world champions in 1988, the Train brothers hope to help Great Britain overhaul the lead taken by the Hungarians in the grand prix series which began on the River Thames at the Royal Canoe Club, in August.

The team travels to Czechoslovakia for the final event of the series, the Bratislavia grand prix, on October 5.

TEAM: Men's K1: P Wells (Richmond), D Blyth (Almbridge). Men's K2: I Lawler and G Burns (Almbridge), C Ballard and G Slater (Lichfield). Women's K1: A Thorogood (Newham), J Eastwood (Richmond). Women's K2: S Troop and M Blumenthal (Nottingham and Richmond). Men's C1: M Gohar (Richmond). Men's C2: S Train and A Train (Fladbury). Bratislavia Marathon (Oct 5): Men's K1: D Blyth, I Tindrell (Exeter). Men's K2: Lawler and Burns, R Williams and D Martyn (Wey Kayak Club). Women's K1: Thorogood, Eastwood. Women's K2: Troop and Blumenthal, Men's C1: Gohar. Men's C2: Train and Train.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Spruce may pull out of Roses match

STUART Spruce, the Widnes full back, is likely withdraw from the Lancashire side to play Yorkshire in the War of the Roses at Headingley next Wednesday (Keith Macklin writes). Spruce, who would have been one of seven new Lancashire caps, sustained damaged ligaments at Wigan on Sunday.

Yorkshire have won all five previous encounters, and the new Lancashire coach, Ray Ashton, has called for more pride in the county jersey to equal that showed by Peter Fox's Yorkshire.

LANCASHIRE: S Spruce (Widnes); D Myers (Wigan), A Currier (Widnes), P Loughlin (St Helens), D Jones (Wakefield Trinity); S Edwards (Wigan), R Goulding (Leeds); M Sheals (Leigh), M Dermott (Wigan), A Platt (Wigan), D Betts (Wigan), I Blease (Salford), R Eyres (Widnes). Substitutes: S Kerry (Leeds), S Wane (Leeds).
YORKSHIRE: C Bibb (Featherstone Rovers); C Gibson (Leeds), D Powell (Sheffield Eagles), A Mason (Wakefield Trinity), A Sullivan (St Helens); G Schofield (Leeds), D Fox (Featherstone Rovers); K Skerrett (Wigan), L Jackson (Hull), L Crooks (Castleford), P Dixon (Leeds), K Fairbank (Bradford Northern), E Hanley (Leeds). Substitutes: G Steadman (Castleford), P Medley (Bradford Northern).

☐ The St Helens forward, John Harrison, has agreed a two-year extension to his contract which will keep him at Knowsley Road until 1994.

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Salako and Woods to face Germany

By Stuart Jones
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Salako, who was not guaranteed a place in the Crystal Palace side a year ago, will tonight represent England against Germany at Wembley. Even he was taken aback when he considered a prospect which, until yesterday lay far beyond his imagination.

It is a far cry from the South Pacific, where he built his reputation a mere three months ago. The least predictable choice amid a heavily depleted party, he came on as a substitute in Sydney and made an impact which he was to sustain throughout the four games.

He appreciates that his duties against Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia were comparatively child's play. "This is big boy's stuff," he said after learning that he had been selected against the Germans on the left flank in place of the injured Barnes and Sharpe. "This is for real."

In spite of his productive contribution at the start of the summer, Salako did not see himself as the natural choice. Both Daley and Merson were, in his opinion, more likely to fill one of the numerous gaps left by the casualties which belatedly included his club colleague, Thomas.

Graham Taylor felt that it would be unreasonable to overlook those who had shone on the tour. "We'll have to see if Salako can transform that sort of performance onto the bigger stage," England's manager said, a view shared by his captain, Lineker. "Tests don't come any tougher," he said. "The record of the Germans over the last 25 years shows that they are the best. Salako's tour selection caused a surprise but he was one of the successes.

"The opposition wasn't top level, but, if he can step up, he will be an exciting prospect." Salako's strength, apart from his speed, is his versatility. Of Palace's five fixtures this season, he has finished two of them at left back and one in goal. "At least it has meant that I haven't had much chance to mess it up on the wing," he said.

Taylor toyed with the idea of using three men at the back but he opted for a contrasting pair from Manchester United, Parker and Pallister, who at 6ft 4in, is almost a foot taller.

Woods, as expected, is firmly established as the first-choice goalkeeper. Since making his debut six years ago, he has waited long enough and Taylor was conscious that if he had demoted him, he might have destroyed his belief. "You can't just cast people aside and, anyway, I think he edges it."

Although he has started only four internationals in the last three years, Steven is another who could retain his place. It is a measure of England's relative weakness that only Lineker, Parker, Platt and perhaps Smith can also be regarded as permanent figures.

There are five remnants from the 4-2 victory over Malaysia in June and, more significantly, the same number from the side which promised so much in the 2-2 draw against Argentina the previous month. Thomas, who appeared in both games, failed to recover from a bruised calf and is replaced by Batty.

The formation, featuring an almost wholly rearranged back four, is short of experience. Apart from Lineker, who is making his 69th appearance, the rest have collected 122 caps. The Germans, who can afford to omit Klinsmann, have gained 339 between them.

The occasion, which is expected to attract a crowd of some 70,000, will refresh ancient and modern World Cup memories of the final in 1966 and of the semi-final, decided on penalties in Italy last year. England have four survivors from that dramatic night in Turin, the Germans eight.

☐ People going to the game have been warned to allow an extra half-hour for their journey because of roadworks on the North Circular Road, and access improvement work from Wembley Park underground station.

TODAY'S TEAMS

ENGLAND: C Woods (Sheffield Wednesday); L Dixon (Arsenal), A Dorigo (Leeds United), D Batty (Leeds United), G Pallister (Manchester United), P Parker (Manchester United), D Platt (Bari), T Steven (Marseilles), A Smith (Arsenal), G Lineker (Tottenham Hotspur), J Salako (Crystal Palace). *Substitutes to be announced.*

GERMANY: B Illgner (Cologne); S Reuter (Juventus), J Kohler (Juventus), G Buchwald (Stuttgart), T Hässler (Roma), S Effenberg (Bayern Munich), L Matthäus (Internazionale), A Möller (Eintract Frankfurt), A Brehme (Internazionale), T Doll (Lazio), K-H Riedle (Lazio). *Substitutes to be announced.*

Joint spearhead: Riedle, left, and Doll, who are Lazio team-mates, take on England's defence at Wembley

RUGBY UNION

Russ sees slight chance of success

By Peter Bills

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) seems likely to fail in its quest for precise information from players offered monetary sums to join other clubs.

Leicester, one of the clubs, together with Wasps, who had 15 players approached, admit that the players involved at their club do not wish to make the matter public. Leicester know which clubs are involved — two of them are from the Midlands — but are unable to break confidences and will not pressure their players to do so.

It is the view of the Leicester director of coaching, Tony Russ, that a witch hunt would be worthless anyway. Russ says that even if the RFU were to receive names, the only likely action would be a reprimand from Twickenham and there the matter would rest. Such methods would then, of course, resume at a later date, he adds.

Russ believes that widespread abuse of the system will always occur. "We will never stop this investment in players. It happens all over the world. They want success through the back door, so it has to be made more difficult for them to succeed."

Russ insists that Leicester, who have received a request from Twickenham to give them the names of the clubs involved, are taking the matter seriously. But he is adamant that pressure to act should not be laid at the door of the players involved, but the Twickenham authorities.

"It is up to the RFU to produce a ruling that goes some considerable way to dealing with this problem," he said.

Bainbridge selected by North

By David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Northern division revived yesterday the representative career of Steve Bainbridge, nearly a year after he had been suspended from playing for his club, Newcastle Gosforth, again. Bainbridge, the lock who won 18 England caps between 1982 and 1987, was included in a divisional squad of 28 that will prepare for next month's championship.

He was sent off for head butting in a club match with London Scottish last October and Newcastle subsequently decided he should not be selected again. That was later commuted to suspension for the season and now he is one of three locks — David Baldwin and Kevin Westgarth are the others — named by the North.

London Welsh, having erased a financial deficit of nearly £50,000 over the last year, now seek a playing resurgence. John Dawes, having captained the club 20 years ago, when they were among the best in Europe, will be assisted by Bill Calcraft, the former Australian flanker.

NORTHERN DIVISION SQUAD: Backs: I Hunter (Northampton), J Mallinder (Sale), P Cusack (Orrell), D Cooke (West Hartlepool), S Bromley (Liverpool St Helens), T Underwood (Leicester), B Barley (Wakefield), K Simms (Liverpool St Helens), P Johnson (Headingley), G Ainscough (Orrell), M Strett (Orrell), J Stabler (West Hartlepool), S Douglas (Newcastle Gosforth), D Scully (Wakefield). Forwards: M Whitcombe (Sale), J Currie (Newcastle Gosforth), J Woodthorpe (Harrogate), N Hitchen (Orrell), P Hackett (Waterloo), D Baldwin (Sale), S Bainbridge (Newcastle Gosforth), K Westgarth (West Hartlepool), D Cleary (Orrell), S Gallagher (Orrell), N Ashurst (Orrell), P Manley (Orrell), A Macfarlane (Sale), M Greenwood (Nottingham).

Pembridge awaits a tough baptism

By Clive White

MARK Pembridge, after just 25 League appearances for Luton Town, will have the privilege today of making his debut for Wales against Brazil, no less, at the Cardiff Arms Park.

As if that is not enough of an incentive for any young man embarking upon an international career, he will have the words, too, of Terry Yorath, the Wales manager, ringing in his ears. "If you play well tomorrow," Yorath told him, "that place could be yours for the next couple of years."

Exactly what place is not perfectly clear. Pembridge, aged 20, will play at right back as deputy for David Phillips, who seriously injured his ankle ligaments on Saturday. Yorath had originally intended to play Pembridge in midfield in place of Peter Nicholas, who has been omitted because of his unavailability through suspension for the vital European championship qualifier in Germany next month.

In whatever position it is that Pembridge's future lies, he unquestionably has one. Yorath made that quite clear when he said: "Even if he doesn't play well against Brazil, it will still be the first of about 60 caps — that's a certainty. He's a great addition to the squad."

Not even the additional absence of Rush could quell Yorath's obvious enthusiasm. Maybe it was a touch of the sun or just the presence of the boys from Brazil, whose reputation though a little tarnished recently, is no discouragement. "If you look at our side, from which we've got five players missing, we might get beaten 4-0, but who cares," Yorath said. "It's a side who's young and exciting. A team that can attack."

With Rush still recovering from the Liverpool malady — an Achilles tendon injury — Hughes reverts to his normal attacking club role alongside Saunders. Yorath believes that that more goals may come from the midfield trio of Pascoe, Horne and Speed, the exciting young Leeds United player.

At the other end of the age scale but still surely with several years to go at the highest level, Southall will today set a Welsh record for a goalkeeper when he makes his 53rd appearance, thereby overtaking Dai Davies, formerly of Everton and Swansea City. On such a day, Yorath was particularly envious of the longevity of the Everton goalkeeper, who will be 33 next week, and anyone else setting foot today on the Arms Park pitch. "It's a game you just wish you could turn the clock back and put on your boots and go out and play. It's got to be enjoyable, hasn't it?"

WALES: N Southall (Everton); M Pembridge (Luton Town), P Bodin (Crystal Palace), M Aizlewood (Bristol City), A Melville (Oxford United), K Ratcliffe (Everton), C Pascoe (Sunderland), B Horne (Southampton), D Saunders (Liverpool), M Hughes (Manchester United), G Speed (Leeds United). Subs: A Norman (Sunderland), M Bowen (Norwich City), G Maguire (Portsmouth), J Goss (Norwich City), G Hodges (Sheffield United).

BRAZIL (probable): C Taffarel; M Cafu, Cleber, Marcio Santos, Gorginho Moacir, Mauro Silva, Geovani, João Paulo, Careca, Bebeto.

Progress to finals awaiting continued Scottish success

From Roddy Forsyth in Berne

AN UNFULFILLED ambition will beckon Scotland this evening when they meet Switzerland in the crucial game of their European championship qualifying section. The Scots have never qualified for the finals of the tournament, but an unbeaten run which has seen them take eight points from a possible ten in group two means that a victory in the Wankdorf Stadium will virtually make certain of their participation next summer.

Conversely, although a victory for the Swiss would not ensure their place in the finals, the odds on them would shorten ominously. Switzerland, too, have had their appetite for success sharpened since Uli Stielike was appointed manager. The former West German international has introduced a degree of passion to a team whose previously attitude to international achievement has often been anaemic.

Meanwhile, Stielike's campaign of disinformation continues. Having stirred the Swiss supporters to the nearest they ever get to a frenzy of anticipation, he now wishes it to be believed that tonight's capacity crowd of 44,000 is a serious liability. "I fear our own fans more than the Scots," he said yesterday. "The Scots are used to playing before big, noisy crowds and our players are not. It is a worry for us. The game will be decided inside the players' heads."

The value of this prognosis can perhaps be measured against another of Stielike's pronouncements yesterday. Asked how he thought Scotland would perform without McStay in midfield, he replied: "I did not know he was not here. I cannot believe they have come without him." McStay has been unavailable for this game for six weeks.

At their base in Berne, Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach, discounted the alarm apparently induced by the prospect of a capacity crowd. "I think their players will be hyper. They will be racing about like men demented and I think they will be very emotional which could have a spin-off which we want to avoid. We will have to walk away from it."

Exactly who will be doing the walking has not yet been decided. Roxburgh and his assistant, Craig Brown, will not decide on their selection until this morning. The principal doubt hinges upon the fitness of McCoist, who played his first full game of the season for Rangers on Saturday.

If he is judged to be sufficiently sharp to play from the start this evening, the likelihood is that he will be paired with his Rangers partner, Johnston, who is returning to the side for the first time since he played against Brazil in the World Cup finals last summer. This would permit Durie to be deployed on the left of midfield.

If McCoist is not fully match fit, presumably Durie will be his replacement in attack, with Nicol given the covering beat on the left. The other midfield players are likely to be McCall, of Rangers, and the Leeds United pair of McAllister and Strachan, who will captain his country for the second time.

Of Strachan, Roxburgh said: "I have been very impressed by the way he has led his club. Last week, Leeds were 2-0 down against Arsenal and he coaxed and pushed them back to a 2-2 draw, and scored with the cheekiest penalty kick you will ever see. He is extremely infectious and we are just tapping in to what he is doing naturally."

GROUP TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	6	4	1	1	17	4	9
Scotland	5	3	2	0	8	4	8
Bulgaria	6	2	2	2	10	7	6
Romania	5	2	1	2	10	6	5
San Marino	6	0	0	6	1	25	0

RESULTS: Scotland 2, Romania 1; Switzerland 2, Bulgaria 0; Romania 0, Bulgaria 3; Scotland 2, Switzerland 1; Bulgaria 1, Scotland 1; San Marino 0, Switzerland 4; Romania 6, San Marino 0; Scotland 1, Bulgaria 1; San Marino 1, Romania 3; Switzerland 0, Romania 0; San Marino 0, Scotland 2; Bulgaria 2, Switzerland 3; San Marino 0, Bulgaria 3; Switzerland 7, San Marino 0

REMAINING FIXTURES: Today: Switzerland v Scotland. Oct 16: Bulgaria v San Marino. Romania v Scotland Nov 13: Romania v Switzerland, Scotland v San Marino Nov 20: Bulgaria v Romania.

SWITZERLAND (probable): S Huber; M Hottiger, G Sforza, D Herr, C Ohrel, M Heldmann, A Sutter, H Hermann, A Knup, K Turkyilmaz, S Chapuisat.

SCOTLAND (probable): A Goram (Rangers); S McKimmie (Aberdeen), R Gough (Rangers), D McPherson (Heart of Midlothian), M Malpas (Dundee United); G Strachan (Leeds United, captain), G McAllister (Leeds United), S McCall (Rangers), G Durie (Tottenham Hotspur); A McCoist (Rangers), M Johnston (Rangers). Referee: T Lanese (Italy).

Islanders decide Bingham's fate

From Ian Ross in Landskrona

TONIGHT, in the small Swedish town of Landskrona, Billy Bingham, the manager of Northern Ireland, may see the clouds of uncertainty that have shrouded his position darken appreciably.

If the part-timers of the Faeroe Islands defeat the Irish in the European championship group four qualifying game, Bingham may be forced to concede that his lengthy pursuit of an extension to a contract that expires next July has been to no avail.

Although Bingham will be allowed to complete the formalities of a disappointing qualifying programme, his future is expected to come under formal discussion around the turn of the year when the international committee of the Irish Football Association meets in Belfast.

"This game is important but I am not thinking of pressure on myself," Bingham said. "I will be willing to continue as manager but I appreciate that if results do not go well people will ask if a change at the top will make a difference.

"After this fixture, I have two games left, against Austria and Denmark, and, being a competitive man, I want to win the lot. However I know what I have at my disposal.

"In 1982 all 11 members of my side were first division players but now many of them are either playing in the second division or in reserve-team football. We just don't have enough first division men to make our mark in these qualifying tournaments.

Even though the IFA does view Bingham's plight from an openly sympathetic stance, it is unlikely to look favourably upon anything other than a victory. On May 1 the teams drew 1-1 in Belfast.

Although a grass pitch has been constructed in the Faeroe Islands, Uefa insists the game be staged at neutral Landskrona because a precedent was set 12 months ago when the Islands' home fixture against Austria was similarly relocated.

Pal Gudlaugsson, the team coach, said: "Even so, we believe we can again shock the Irish."

NORTHERN IRELAND (from): P Kee (Oxford United), T Wright (Newcastle United), M Donaghy (Manchester United), C Hill (Sheffield United), A McDonald (Queen's Park Rangers), G Taggart (Barnsley), J Magilton (Oxford United), K Wilson (Chelsea), K Black (Nottingham Forest), I Dowie (Southampton), S Morrow (Arsenal), R Dennison (Wolverhampton Wanderers), C Clarke (Portsmouth), S McBride (Glenavon), M O'Neill (Dundee United), P Gray (Luton Town).

GROUP FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	6	5	0	1	20	4	10
Denmark	5	3	1	1	9	6	7
Austria	5	1	1	3	5	7	3
N Ireland	5	0	3	2	3	8	3
Faeroe Isles	5	1	1	3	3	15	3

RESULTS: Faeroe Islands 1, Austria 0; Northern Ireland 0, Yugoslavia 2; Northern Ireland 1, Denmark 1; Yugoslavia 4, Austria 1; Denmark 4, Faeroe Islands 1; Austria 0, Northern Ireland 0; Denmark 0, Yugoslavia 2; Yugoslavia 4, Northern Ireland 1; Northern Ireland 1, Faeroe Islands 1; Yugoslavia 1, Denmark 2; Yugoslavia 7, Faeroe Islands 0; Austria 3, Faeroe Islands 0; Denmark 2, Austria 1.

REMAINING FIXTURES: Today: Faeroe Islands v Northern Ireland. Sept 25: Faeroe Islands v Denmark. Oct 9: Austria v Denmark. Oct 16: Faeroe Islands v Yugoslavia, Northern Ireland v Austria. Nov 13: Denmark v Northern Ireland, Austria v Yugoslavia.

IN BRIEF

Tanui's attempt

MOSES Tanui, the Kenyan world championship 10,000 metres gold medal winner, tries to become the first man to break 60 minutes for a half-marathon when he runs in the Great North Run at Newcastle on September 15.

Liz McColgan's UK women's record for the half-marathon, at 69min 15sec, could be beaten, too, by Jill Hunter, the Briton, who set a world 10-mile best in the United States earlier this year.

☐ Darren Clark, of Australia, twice an Olympic 400 metres finalist, said yesterday that he had abandoned a professional rugby league career to return to the track.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: The Washington Redskins used a fake punt for a first down and set up Gerald Riggs's decisive one-yard touchdown in a 33-31 win over the Dallas Cowboys on Monday.

GOLF: The Walker Cup partners, Paul McGinley, aged 24, and Liam White, 22, are to turn professional.

POWERBOATING: Norway took the lead in the 1991 world 1.3 offshore championship series when Bjorn Rudstrom won the opening round at Folkestone yesterday. He led from the start to finish well ahead of the 23-boat fleet.

Fignon quandary

Paris (Reuter) — Laurent Fignon, twice a winner of the Tour de France who has decided to leave the Castorama team, said he would retire at the end of this season if his attempts to find a new outfit fail.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL): Washington Redskins 33, Dallas Cowboys 31

BOWLS

EAST COWES: Warners national over-55 championship: Mens pairs: Quarter-finals: K Anderson, P Line (Atherley, Southampton) bt P Rutland, J Elwood (Garston, Hertfordshire), 18-13; J Montague, K Fox (Shepshed, Leicestershire) bt J Taylor, M Luker (Tunbridge Wells), 20-19; T Clipston and T James (Thrapston) bt R Middleton and B Seabourne (Newquay Trenence), 21-16, S Hodgson and H Whitehead (Shildon Railway, Durham) bt R Ridout and A Ridout (LMS Headstone Lane, Middlesex), 21-17. Women's pairs: Quarter-finals: R Taylor, D Witchell (Olveston, Gloucestershire) bt D Wingrove, J Williams (Bassetsbury Manor, Buckinghamshire), 20-15, J Pittam, S Drage (British Timken, Northants) bt M Richardson, M Chester (Burtonhouse, Boston), 25-16, M Harrison and D Brown (Lyme Regis) bt M Podd and B Tricker (Roundwood, Ipswich), 20-14; W Sowerby and M Heggie (Edenside, Cumbria) bt K Ouelle and J Barnett (Worthing Pavilion), 20-19.

BOXING

GLASGOW: Flyweight (8 rnds): Pat Clinton (Croydon) bt Armando Tapia (Mexico), pts. Featherweight (8 rnds): Mike Deveney (Paisley) bt Peter Buckley (Birmingham), pts.
LIVERPOOL: Featherweight (10 rnds, Central Area title): Russell Davison (Manchester) bt Jimmy Owens (Liverpool), pts. Welterweight (6 rnds) John Varlucs (Swansea) bt Dave May (Liverpool) pts. Light-heavyweight (6 rnds) John Kaigan (Swansea) bt Terry Johnson (Liverpool), ret 2nd

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Crystal Palace 2, Portsmouth 0, Luton 1, Charlton Athletic 0; QPR 4, Reading 0.

CROQUET

HURLINGHAM: World championships: Irwin bt Faulkner, plus 14, Skinley bt Yamada, plus 24; Bast bt Cornish, plus 15, Fulford bt Jones, plus 25 tp; Kobelt bt Openshaw, plus 2, Walters bt Peterson, plus 1; Burridge bt Hogan, plus 2; Walters bt Hogan, plus 26; Mulliner bt Goacher, plus 14 tp; Stark bt Maughan, plus 16 tp. Stephens bt Brown, plus 25 tp; Bosl bt Grechain, plus 19; Maughan bt Grechain, plus 26tp; Mulliner bt Brown, plus 26; Sark bt Bosl, plus 20; Bond bt Latham, plus 20; Nobel bt Clarke, plus 7; Banford bt Colombo, plus 26 tp, Jackson bt Ardley, plus 3; Nobel bt Latham, plus 26; Banford bt Jackson, plus 26 tp; Clark bt Bond, plus 26.

VOLLEYBALL

GERMANY: European championship: Men: Group one: (in Karlsruhe) Germany bt Greece, 3-0; Soviet Union bt Finland 3-0, Poland bt Sweden 3-1. Group two (in Hamburg): Italy bt Czechoslovakia, 3-0; Netherlands bt Bulgaria 3-1; Yugoslavia beat France 3-1.

GOLF

WENTWORTH: Tom Clarke Putter: 1, P Davies, 75pts, 2, D Etherington, 73, 3, I Stewart, 68, 4, R Fidler, 67, 5, M Wheeler, 66, equal 6, D Horn, W Bateson, D Richman, M Court, A Moger, R Bonaro and J McCarthy, 65
LA MANGA, Spain: Daily Express-Esso national boys' golf championship: Second round: 148: J Bromley (Patshull Park), 76 151: S Hurd (Horsforth), 76, 155: S Andrew (Clitheroe), 76 158: T Merwick (Cornhampton), 79 158: R Groves (Lamberhurst), 78, 158: S Jamieson (Kyles Of Bute), 79 160: S Devenney (Strabane), 80 165: M Hodgson (Ullesthorpe), 79 166: B Davis (East Herts), 81, 166: B Ford (Kilspindie), 82 168: D Byles (Monmouthshire), 83 177: L Davidson (Hopeman), 86.

GYMNASTICS

INDIANAPOLIS: World championships: Women's team compulsories: Leaders after nine rounds: 1, Soviet Union, 197.371pts, 2, United States, 196.208; 3, Romania 195.795 17, Britain, 186.187 Individual: 1, S Boginskaya (USSR), 39.712, 2, S Miller (US), 39.582; 3, C Bontas (Rom), 39.562. British: 48, S Mercer, 38.199

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOL'S RESULTS: Bromsgrove 18, Wrekin 10; Christ's, Brecon 10, Bryanston 9; Haberdashers' Aske's 3, Haileybury 34, Judd 9, St Olaves 8, King Edward VI, Southampton 50, Churchers 7, Kings, Worcester 29, Queen Mary, Walsall 3, Malden 15, Romford and Gidea Park 19; Pate's GS 48, Belmont Abbey 10, QE Barnet 40, Verulam 9; Rochester Maths 12, Coopers Co 40, RGS High Wycombe 20, Watford GS 4, Stockport GS 19, Old Boys 54 Trinity, Croydon 33, London Oratory 6 Trent 21 Stamford 3

CYCLING

TOUR OF CATALONIA: Fifth stage: 1, M Indurain (Sp), 30min 46sec; 2, D Vassilichenko (USSR), 31 14, 3, V Manouylov (USSR), 31 29; 4, V Poulnikov (USSR), 31 40; 5, N Emonds (Bel), 31 41, 6, A Mejia (Col), 31 49, 7, S Hodge (Aust), 31 50; 8, M Fondriest (It) 31 59, 9, J Skibby (Den), 32 00 10, P Delgado (Sp), 32 01 Overall: 1, Indurain, 13hr 22min 11sec; 2, Manouylov, 13.22.42; 3, Hodge, 13.22.53, 4, Poulnikov, 13.22.57, 5, Fondriest 13.23.01 6, M Mauri (Sp), 13.23.12, 7, J Llaneras (Sp) 13.23.14, 8, O Rincon (Sp), 13.23.24, 9, F Echave (Sp), 13.23.24, 10, Delgado 13.23.26 British: 15, M Elliot, 13.23.46.

SNOOKER

TRENTHAM GARDENS, Stoke: European Open: (England unless stated): Third round: T Wilson (Eng) bt J Prince (Ire), 5-1; M Johnston-Allen (Eng) bt P Davies (Wales), 5-1, M Price (Eng) bt B West (Eng), 5-2; M Fisher (Eng) bt I Graham (Eng), 5-4, T Shaw (Eng) bt S Duggan (Eng), 5-3, A McManus (Scot) bt D Henry (Scot), 5-3, C Roscoe (Wales) bt E Henderson (Scot), 5-4 D Roe (Eng) bt C Macgillivray (Scot), 5-0; J Wych (Can) bt M Macleod (Scot), 5-0; L Dodd (Eng) bt D Harrold (Eng), 5-4; B Rowswell (Eng) bt F Chan (HK), 5-0, K Stevens (Can) bt F Ellis (SA), 5-1, J Bach (Eng) bt M Gauvreau (Can), 5-2, R Marshall (Eng) bt P Browne (Ire), 5-4
UK OPEN: Qualifying tournament: First round: D Walker (Eng) walked over M Watterson (Eng), A Higgins (NI) bt K Broughton (Eng), 6-2; S Langhan (Eng) bt M Gibson (Scot), 6-2; S Mazrocis (Eng) bt J Rea (Scot), 6-2; S Reardon (Eng) bt T Kearney (Rep of Ire), 6-1, S Ali (Eng) bt M Bradley (Eng), 6-1

SPEEDWAY

SUNBRITE LEAGUE: First division: Reading 53, Swindon 37 Second division: Exeter 44, Arena Essex 46.

TENNIS

BORDEAUX: Men's tournament: First round: F Santoro (Fr) bt O Pollakov (USSR), 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, G Forget (Fr) bt R Gilbert (Fr), 6-2, 6-1 A Boetsch (Fr) bt N Marques (Por), 6-2, 6-1, U Riglewski (Ger) bt P Simian (Fr), 6-4, 6-4; L Jonsson (Swe) bt C Saceanu (Ger), 6-4, 1-6, 6-3; J Svensson (Swe) bt C Suk (Czech), 6-2, 2-6, 6-1; P Kuhnen (Ger) bt T Zdrazila (Czech), 6-4, 6-4; O Delaitre (Fr) bt G Markus (Arg), 5-7, 6-2, 6-3; A Mronz (Ger) bt F Roig (Sp), 5-7, 6-2, 7-6
BRASILIA: ATP tournament: Men's singles. First round (Brazil unless stated): R Smith (Bah) bt N Odizor (Nigeria), 6-4, 6-4, R Jabali bt M Laurendeau (Can), 2-6, 7-6, 6-2, J A Daher bt W Kyriakos, 6-1, 6-1, J Zwestch bt F Silberberg, 6-2, 7-6, M Saliola bt A Hocevar, 6-2, 6-2; M Menezes bt C Kist, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, S Stolle (Aus) bt R Camargo, 6-7, 6-2, 7-5, F Meligni (Arg) bt R Faria, 6-4, 6-1, T Ho (US) bt O Fernandez (Mex), 3-6, 6-4, 7-5; R Weiss (US) bt J Stimpson (US) 6-4, 6-2
GENEVA OPEN: First round: J Arrese (Sp) bt A Cherkasov (USSR), 6-4, 4-6, 6-1, H Skoff (Austria) bt G Lopez (Sp), 6-2, 6-0; M Merz (El Sal) bt P Baur (Ger), 4-6, 7-6 (7-5); V Paloheimo (Fin) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 6-4. C Miniussi (Arg) bt R Furlan (It), 6-4, 7-5, T Muster (Aus) bt M Vajda (Cz), 6-3, 7-5; A Mancini (Arg) bt L Mattar (Br), 6-3, 7-6 (7-2), J Oncins (Br) bt J Gisberg (Sp), 6-4, 7-5.

HOCKEY

INTERNATIONAL: Barcelona: Spain 1, Australia 3

ICE HOCKEY

CANADA CUP: Sweden 5, Czechoslovakia 2 (in Toronto), Canada 3, Soviet Union 3 (in Quebec City); United States 4, Finland 3 (in Chicago)

Boginskaya: individual gymnastics leader

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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FOOTBALL

International matches

England v Germany (at Wembley, 8.00)
Hungary v Republic of Ireland (at Gyoer)
Wales v Brazil (at Cardiff Arms Park)

European championship
Group two

Switzerland v Scotland (in Berne, 7.15)

Group four

Faroe Islands v Northern Ireland (at Lanskrona, Sweden, 6.00)

GM Vauxhall Conference

Boston v Witton
Cheltenham v Slough

DIADORA LEAGUE CUP: First round: Chesham v Tooting and Mitcham; Molesey v Kingsbury; Rainham v Bognor Regis; Royston v Berkhamsted, Uxbridge v Harlow Third division: Feltham and Hounslow B v Bracknell.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland v Frickley, Fleetwood v Mossley. First division: Caernarfon v Colwyn Bay, Winsford v Radcliffe Borough

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City v Moor Green; Wealdstone v Crawley. Midland division: Dudley v Yate; Solihull Borough v Nuneaton Borough. Southern division: Burnham v Witney; Canterbury City v Ashford Town; Dunstable v Bury; Fareham v Weymouth, Hythe v Hastings

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bolton v Nottm Forest (7.00), Sunderland v Barnsley (7.00). West Bromwich v Liverpool (7.00). Second division: Burnley v Middlesbrough (7.15); Hull v Port Vale (7.00). Scunthorpe v Leicester (7.00). Stoke v Grimsby (7.00); Wolverhampton v Blackpool (7.00)

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Brighton v West Ham (7.15), Fulham v Norwich (2.00); Ipswich v Arsenal Swindon v Wimbledon (2.00)

LOMBARD ULSTER CUP: Final: Bangor v Crusaders.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Brigg v Denaby, Spennymoor v Harrogate RA.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bacup Borough v Vauxhall GM, Bradford Park Avenue v Bootle, Penrith v Darwen

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Minehead v Chard, Saltash v Bideford, Torrington v Taunton, Weston super Mare v Ottery St Mary

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brightlingsea v Haverhill, Cornard v Felixstowe, Norwich v Gorleston, Stowmarket v Tiptree, Thetford v Chatteris.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia v South Bank; Brandon v Peterlee Newtown, Consett v Easington Colliery; Murton v Langley Park Welfare, Shildon v Seaham Red Star

RUGBY UNION

COUNTY MATCH: Hampshire v Berkshire (6.00)
CLUB MATCHES: Cross Keys v Bridgend (7.00); Glamorgan Wndrs v Pontypridd (7.00); Metropolitan Police v US Portsmouth (3.30); Neath v CU Davies XV (7.00); Wasps v Ealing. West Hartlepool v Durham (7.15) Cancelled: Newport v Abertillery.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Open tournament (Woolwich). National over-55 championships (Bembridge, IOW) County matches: Civil Service v Buckinghamshire (at Gloucester Civil Service). Essex v Wiltshire (at Romford)

BOXING: WBC light-heavyweight: Dennis Andries (GB) v Jeff Harding (Australia) (Hammersmith Odeon).

GOLF: English amateur championship (Ganton)

MOTOR RALLYING: Manx international (Isle of Man)

POLO: Guards autumn tournament (Guards, Windsor)

SNOOKER: UK championship qualifying round (Stoke), Regal Masters (Motherwell Civic Centre).

SPEEDWAY: Sunbrite National League: First division: Oxford v Ipswich (7.45). Second division: Glasgow v Newcastle (7.30). Inter-league challenge: Long Eaton v Wolverhampton (7.30).

YACHTING: 14F world championship (Torquay)

EQUESTRIANISM

European team gold bodes well for 1992

By Jenny MacArthur

DESPITE winning four consecutive European team gold medals, the British three-day event team has not won an Olympic gold medal since 1972. The completeness of the latest European victory, in Ireland on Monday, when Britain also won the three individual titles, has raised hopes for Olympic honours.

"It's very encouraging for next year," Jane Holderness-Roddam, the chairman of the selectors, said. "All the British horses went well — what mistakes there were were either rider errors or the results of a horse's inexperience."

The horses' ages are a bonus. Richard Walker's Jacana, winner of the silver medal, is nine. Mary Thomson's King William, who paid the penalty for his boldness with a fall at the water on an otherwise copybook round, is only eight. Karen Straker's Get Smart, winner of the bronze medal, and Katie Meacham's Montana Blue, who finished fifteenth, are 11. Only Stark's gold medal winning Glenburnie, aged 13, does not have youth on his side.

The Irish were also encouraged. Five of their riders were clear over the testing cross-country course. If they can now get their dressage to match their fearless cross-country riding, Olympic honours should be within their grasp too.

The Germans, the Olympic champions, could not even complete the championships at Punchestown, despite a heroic performance from their most senior team member, Herbert Blocker, on Feine Dame.

But the Spanish were the most disappointed. Determined to field a viable team at the Barcelona Olympics, they started competing internationally only three years ago. Basing themselves in England, their intensive training was rewarded with a fifth place at the world championships last year.

At Punchestown, they were in the bronze medal position until the final horse inspection, when Rosario Nardiz's horse, Cune Chopin, failed to pass.

"You cannot imagine how serious this is for the Spanish," Salvador Fabregas, the chef d'équipe, said afterwards. "It will have a big effect on morale, not just because it left us without a team but because of the way in which it was done."

In a controversial decision, Nardiz's horse was dismissed as lame, with a curt wave of the hand by the ground jury, after trotting up once. Under the rules of the International Equestrian Federation the jury is able to "hold over" a horse that looks unlevel and run it up again at the end of inspection. Nardiz was not granted this courtesy.

This left just three teams in the competition out of the original ten, with the team event itself under threat. The International Olympic Committee intend to stop it after 1996 — the number of participating countries is crucial. By discouraging an emerging equestrian nation, the sport is coming close to shooting itself in the foot.

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Preferential treatment risks trivialising Tests

Botham calls the tune to England selectors

By Alan Lee
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

IF ANYONE doubted that Ian Botham still lives by his own laws, rather than anyone else's, the England cricket selectors yesterday proved the point by allowing the all-rounder special dispensation to arrive in New Zealand three weeks late for this winter's tour. He has thus cast a cloak of personal convenience over what would have been a widely welcomed return.

Botham, like every other player under consideration, was originally informed that the selectors required his availability for the entire three-month trip and not only for the World Cup. Botham, while evidently anxious to tour, insisted that his prior commitments, principally a pantomime part, would not free him until the third week of January. The selectors accepted this position during a five-hour meeting which may have done little for their credibility.

In addition to accommodating Botham, they have included Mike Atherton and Angus Fraser in a party of 17, while uncomfortably aware that injury may prevent one or both from starting the tour. Fraser is being covered by Dermott Reeve, but if Atherton withdraws he will not be replaced, which would leave England without a specialist opening batsman to partner Graham Gooch and, for the time being, without a vice-captain.

The selectors, Gooch, Micky Stewart and Ted Dexter, are embracing contentious policies but with a common theme. They have stated before now that the World Cup is the winter priority. Now, it seems more of an infatuation, for in pursuing the players they have identified for their strongest one-day side, they are at risk of trivialising a Test series.

Botham's situation is undeniably a case of preferential treatment. No matter how hard Dexter, the chairman of England's committee, yesterday tried to rationalise it, it is a fact that no other player, not even Gooch himself, was offered such a cosy compromise.

Ten years ago, with Botham at the peak of his remarkable powers, to deny such an accommodation would hve been to insult a national institution and, unquestionably, to weaken the side. But Botham, at 35, is no longer the irresistible force of old. He is, indeed, not even an automatic choice and to allow him such self-indulgencies is to invite scepticism both outside and, more importantly, inside the dressing-room.

Not for the first time, Botham's willingness to tour has attracted prolonged speculation. Gooch was apparently confident that he had secured Botham's agreement on the same terms as everyone else. But the other selectors were rightly reluctant to be seen persuading him. It seems that a final phone call to his fishing retreat of Alderney, just before the meeting began, confirmed that it would be they, and not the player, who must take it or leave it.

Manager Stewart unwittingly revealed how highly the selectors must still regard Botham. Having first stressed that he had primarily been picked for the World Cup, Stewart was then pressed on whether Botham may still play his 100th Test in New Zealand. He said: "The way things are, it is a probability."

As Botham leaves the stage in Bournemouth on January 19 and will arrive only just in time for the second Test, that is quite a statement. Certainly, this is the first time an England cricket tour has taken second place to Jack and the Beanstalk and, considering the cursory treatment handed out to that other free spirit, David Gower, it is a baffling concession.

In defending the decision, Dexter said he may have been influenced by the memory that, as a player, he twice joined England tours late, once after contesting a seat in the general election. Times have changed, however, and even the valid point that Botham was uncontracted and free to arrange other engagements did not quite ring true.

Nor, for that matter, did Dexter's dismissive remarks regarding Atherton's potential absence. "Opening batting is not seen as a high criteria on this trip," he said, following up with: "We don't see the vice-captaincy as a matter of great import." As, on each of the last two tours, an injury to Gooch has exposed a shortage of both leadership and opening batting, perhaps this ought not to have been the case.

Atherton's back operation demands three months of complete rest, which gives him precious little time to attain a suitable level of fitness. Still more problematical is the position of Fraser, who admitted yesterday that he is presently still worried whether he will ever play again, let alone this winter.

He explained: "I see my specialist on September 24 for various scans and tests. The result of those could rule me out immediately but they will not rule me in. Even if the injury is improving, I still have to prove to the selectors that I can regain full fitness. I am pleased to be in the frame but I am not happy with the injury."

The selectors cannot be faulted for the rest of their nominations. The senior side may be predictable but it is also the best available. Botham apart, Richard Illingworth will also be flying out three weeks late but in his case this is the selectors' choice because he is unlikely to have much cricket outside the World Cup.

Martyn Moxon will lead the A team to West Indies and has a pleasingly futuristic side, including Derbyshire's exciting seam bowler, Dominic Cork, and Glamorgan's off-spinning all-rounder Robert Croft. Either Atherton or Ramprakash will go on to the A tour following the Test series in New Zealand.

TOUR PARTY DETAILS

ENGLAND: G A Gooch (Essex, captain), M A Atherton (Lancashire), I T Botham (Worcestershire), P A J DeFreitas (Lancashire), N H Fairbrother (Lancashire), A R C Fraser (Middlesex) or D A Reeve (Warwickshire), G A Hick (Worcestershire), R K Illingworth (Worcestershire), A J Lamb (Northamptonshire), D A Lawrence (Gloucestershire), C C Lewis (Leicestershire), D R Pringle (Essex), M R Ramprakash (Middlesex), R C Russell (Gloucestershire), R A Smith (Hampshire), A J Stewart (Surrey), P C R Tufnell (Middlesex).

ITINERARY: January: 2: v Auckland. 4: v New Zealand Emerging Players (Hamilton, 3 days). 8: v New Zealand U-Bix XI (Napier, 3). 11: v New Zealand (Auckland, one-day international). 14: v New Zealand XI (Nelson, 3). 20: v New Zealand (Christchurch, first Test). 25: v Central District (New Plymouth, 3). 31: v New Zealand (Auckland, second Test). February: 8: v New Zealand (Wellington, third Test). 12: v New Zealand (Dunedin, one-day international). 15: v New Zealand (Christchurch, one-day international). World Cup: February 23: v Sri Lanka (Perth). March: 1: v New Zealand (Wellington). 4: v West Indies (Sydney). 8: v Pakistan (Melbourne). 11: v Zimbabwe (Canberra). 14: v India (Sydney). 18: v Australia (Melbourne). 21 and 22: Semi-finals. 25: Final (Melbourne).

ENGLAND A (to Bermuda and West Indies): M D Moxon (Yorkshire, captain), M A Atherton (Lancashire) or M R Ramprakash (Middlesex), D J Bicknell (Surrey), M P Bicknell (Surrey), D G Cork (Derbyshire), R D B Croft (Glamorgan), W K Hegg (Lancashire), N Hussain (Essex), P Johnson (Nottinghamshire), D E Malcolm (Derbyshire), H Morris (Glamorgan), R A Pick (Nottinghamshire), D A Reeve (Warwickshire) or T A Munton (Warwickshire), I D K Salisbury (Sussex), G P Thorpe (Surrey); S J Rhodes (Worcestershire), on stand-by.

Sponsorship scheme welcomed by Dexter

AN INNOVATIVE cricket sponsorship, worth £1 million over four years, was yesterday acclaimed by England chairman Ted Dexter as "the greatest boost to our top cricketers since I have been involved with the team," (Alan Lee writes).

The money, put up by the City investment managers, Whittingdales, is to be used for the training and preparation of the national teams, beginning with this winter's tours and going through to the next Ashes tour in 1984-85.

Fifty players will be involved in the programme over the next few months since, apart from the senior and A teams, about a dozen additional players are to be selected to join squad training.

The sponsorship also enables the overdue use of outstanding coaches such as John Snow, who has been approached to be the specialist advisor to England's fast bowlers. This winter's training culminates in four days at Lilleshall in mid-December. The sponsors, however, ought not to be too confident about Ian Botham's presence. The pantomime season will already be under way.

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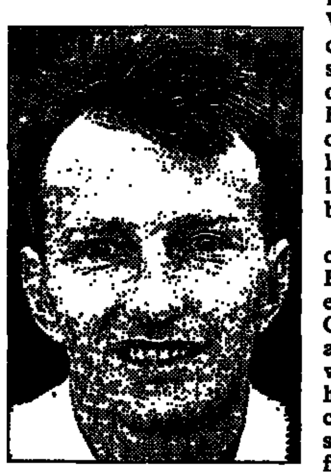
Greatbatch catch

Mark Greatbatch, the New Zealand Test player, is to play for Leyland, the Northern Cricket League champions, as their professional next season. The club expects to retain the services of Graham Roope and Geoff Miller, the former England players, as amateurs.

Wilson free to go

Huddersfield Town football club has given a free transfer to Robert Wilson, the former Fulham and Luton midfield player.

Fraser: not happy



Fairbrother: selected

ROSS KINNAIRD

Angled drive: Hepworth, of Leicestershire, strikes a fine boundary against Essex at Grace Road yesterday

Hepworth provides a treat

By John Woodcock

LEICESTER (first day of four: Essex won the toss): Leicestershire scored 353 all out

HAVING looked at one time like being bowled out before lunch, Leicestershire recovered to make 353 against Essex yesterday. They had James Whitaker and Peter Hepworth, two Yorkshire exiles, to thank for this, Whitaker scoring his first championship hundred of the season and Hepworth the first of his career. For Essex Neil Foster took five for 86 and in doing so looked, at 29, very little different from the England bowler of a few years back.

It was a beautiful day and a capital day's cricket. Prompted by the promise of early freshness in the pitch, Gooch put Leicestershire in and within 50 minutes they were 27 for four. Gooch himself took a couple of nice catches at second slip, Boon slashed a long hop fast and fiercely to Pritchard at cover point and Potter was leg before to his first ball. Foster did the damage with movement off the seam, as distinct from swing, and with occasional lift. Between the start of his fourth over and the end of his seventh he took four wickets for six runs. Few can have imagined, on seeing Hepworth coming in at No. 6, what a treat lay in store. In the previous 39 innings of his young career, 31 of them this season, he had a top score of 56. A century against Cambridge University at Fenner's was beginning to seem uncomfortably like a label. But now, batting in spectacles, seldom worn by cricketers since the contact lens came in, he took the first opportunity to try his cover drive, and found an eager friend. With Whitaker, too, deciding there was nothing to be gained from just hanging around, the ball was soon racing to the boundary.

By lunch, Leicestershire were 108 for four. In the first hour afterwards 15 overs produced 77 more runs. It was more like being at Grace Road in the 1970s, watching Brian Davison's bat, than any year when the clouds have descended. Although Such, and then Childs, put a brake on the scoring, they did no more than that.

Having been neck and neck all the way, Hepworth and Whitaker reached their hundreds within three balls of each other, Hepworth with his 19th four, off Topley, Whitaker with his 18th off Childs. Almost immediately, with the first ball of a new spell, Topley had Whitaker caught at short leg. The 204 added by Whitaker and Hepworth fell only 29 short of Leicestershire's fifth wicket record in all first-class cricket, held by Briers and Roger Tolchard.

No-one could have any complaints about the pitch. It gave Gooch's bowlers the early life he had bargained for, and yet yielded 58 fours during the day. Whitaker and Hepworth are both, almost compulsively, front-foot players, and yesterday this did them no harm. Once or twice, Hepworth found himself coming forward to widish balls well short of a length, which he reached for and hit at great speed through extra cover. With Lewis also playing some exotic strokes Leicester picked up their four batting points with 11 overs to spare, only the fourth time they have done so this season, and Essex, far from a pushover, now have a match on their hands.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c Prichard b Foster	12
*N E Briers c Gooch b Foster	3
J J Whitaker c sub b Topley	105
J D R Benson c Gooch b Foster	0
L Potter lbw b Foster	0
P N Hepworth b Foster	115
C C Lewis c Gooch b Topley	49
M I Gidley run out	6
†P Whitticase c Childs b Pringle	10
D J Millns c Foster b Topley	28
J N Maguire not out	9
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 9)	16
Total	353

Score after 100 overs: 349-9.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-18, 3-27, 4-27, 5-231, 6-271, 7-299, 8-304, 9-337.

BOWLING: Foster 27-7-86-5; Pringle 25.4-5-78-1; Topley 18-1-91-3; Gooch 7-2-29-0; Childs 15-7-24-0; Such 10-1-21-0; Salim Malik 3-1-18-0; Stephenson 1-1-0-0.

ESSEX: *G A Gooch, J P Stephenson, P J Prichard, Salim Malik, N Hussain, †M A Garnham, D R Pringle, N A Foster, T D Topley, J H Childs and P M Such.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 4, Essex 4.
Umpires: M J Kitchen and K E Palmer.

Boxing in need of unity

JOHN Morris, secretary of the British Board of Control, today called for the installation of an "umbrella organisation" to oversee boxing at both professional and amateur levels.

"We should get together. I believe boxing is all one sport", Morris said following the disclosures of a cash crisis within the Amateur Boxing Association and the Sports Council's warning that they could withdraw its lifeblood £130,000–a–year grant.

Morris believes that the bodies should still be run separately, but with greater dialogue and under one main umbrella. Until now, no relationship has existed between the two codes, despite efforts from the Board to foster one for the overall good of boxing.

"I've tried for greater liaison through the ABA, Sports Council, the CCPR and Sports Ministers and I've got nowhere because of the blockage from the ABA," Morris said. Morris, who once served amateur boxing as competitions secretary of South London's Lyn Club, would draw the line at professionals and amateurs fighting on the same promotions, as is fairly commonplace on the Continent. "That would kill off the small time pro", he added.

Pressure is on FA to change its stance on guarantees

By Peter Ball

PEACE broke out at the Football League extraordinary general meeting in London yesterday, but it may prove short-lived. Although the lower divisions and the breakaway Premier League clubs where close to agreement, the Football Association was last night consulting its lawyers and will decide this morning whether to go back to court.

"We are close to agreement with the potential Premier League clubs," Arthur Sandford, the chief executive of the Football League, said. "And we will be having further talks with the FA to ensure there is a tripartite agreement."

That may yet prove the sticking point. After some horse trading at meetings yesterday morning, the League and Premier Division representatives agreed in principle on the main points at issue over the breakaway, the retention of promotion and relegation of three-up and three-down, and the £6 million compensation to be paid to the clubs left behind.

For the agreement to be concluded, however, the FA – which was not party to yesterday's talks – will need to give some legally binding guarantees, something it has so far refused to do.

Yesterday it proved rather less than encouraged by news that the two sides were so close to agreement that they decided to adjourn the meeting until September 23.

That meant that regulation 11, which requires clubs to give three years' notice, is still in place, leaving the League still unsanctioned, a state which is causing rising apoplexy in Lancaster Gate.

"Our lawyers are considering matters overnight, and we will decide in the morning," Sir Bert Millichip, the chairman of the FA, said. "I am very, very disappointed. We had hoped for a decision today and it is becoming a never ending saga. It cannot go on indefinitely."

It is perhaps fanciful to see the new situation as a reprise of football's old familiar internecine warfare, with the 92 professional clubs on one side and the FA on the other. There was little doubt yesterday, however, that the FA will have to make further concessions if agreement is to be reached.

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Cup boost for England

BERNE, Switzerland (AP) – English clubs are set to regain a second place in the Uefa Cup after their resounding return to European competition last season.yesterday.

England, whose single place this season went to Liverpool, receives two in a preliminary ranking for next season. Though Uefa is expected to allocate places officially only in November, a Uefa spokesman here said England appears assured of a second.

Each European federation gets one to four Uefa Cup berths depending on the European performances of its clubs over the past five seasons. England was left with only one after its five-year ban following the 1985 Heysel Stadium disaster.

English clubs did well on their return last season, Manchester United winning the Cup Winners' Cup.The final distribution depends on which country Uefa gives two places to be vacated by the former East Germany. Israel may receive one of these alongside England.

TENNIS

Pickard returns to disappoint Castle

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HIS mission successfully completed at the United States open championships, Tony Pickard, the coach of the new champion, Stefan Edberg, hurried home yesterday to attend to the needs of his country.

Wearing his other hat, as Britain's Davis Cup captain, Pickard has preferred Mark Petchey to Andrew Castle in naming his final squad for the Davis Cup world group qualifying match against Austria on grass in Manchester next week.

But he will leave a decision about who will play alongside Jeremy Bates in the singles until the last minute.

Britain's chances of returning to the world group for the first time in four years were considerably improved by the withdrawal of Alex Antonitsch from the Austrian team.

Antonitsch is Austria'a best grass-court player, but, like Horst Skoff, another absentee, is in dispute with his federation and under threat of suspension.

His place has been taken by Harald Mair, which means that last year's semi-finalists have only Thomas Muster ranked in the top 200, but he has not played on grass since Wimbledon in 1987.

SQUADS: Great Britain: J Bates, N Brown, M Petchey, D Sapsford. Austria: T Muster, H Mair, G Mandl, T Buchmayer.

☐ Stefan Edberg, Boris Becker, Ivan Lendl, Jim Courier and Michael Stich have qualified for the ATP Tour championship in Frankfurt at the end of November, but Andre Agassi, beaten in the first round of the United States open championship, is still not certain of qualifying to defend his title.

Petchey: preferred by Pickard for Davis Cup

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